

Churches – LaMoure County, North Dakota

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[Note to the Researcher: My research on the churches in this county comes in two parts. This document contains the denominational names of churches, their locations and historical information. This is an alphabetical listing of churches. If the church is a rural church, use the name by which it was known to locate it on these pages. If it is a church in a town, go alphabetically to the town and then find the denomination listed in alphabetical order within that town. I have also put together a file of photos. If my research came across a picture of a specific church, you will find that information listed as Photo Available within the information of that church. The reference will be a two letter code for the county, the name of the church, followed by a number in parenthesis which was my photo identifier. Click on the photo album link to see these photos. The bold capital letter within a history article is used to indicate a new paragraph in the original document that has been transcribed. The symbol [o—o] is used to indicate that a portion of an article in the original was not transcribed. Sometimes there is more than one history listed under a church. Although some duplication of information may be present, the articles were entered because some provided information that others may not have had. If you know of other churches not listed in this document, have access to the histories of those churches, or discover errors in this document, please feel free to contact and share that information with Allen Konrad.]

1. Adrian – Bethel Saratoga (Evangelical) Church

- Location: Village of Adrian
- See Marion – Grace United Methodist Church
- Closed in 1943
- Community History: *Adrian, ND – A History of Adrian, 1885-1985*, p.128. In 1929, the Bethel Saratoga Church moved from the McCleary Schoolhouse to the Presbyterian Church in Adrian. The Evangelical ministers that served this church in Adrian were: Rev. J.F. Knuth (1929); Rev. G.J. Moritz (1930-1932); Rev. Floyd Breauw (1932-1938); Rev. W.J. Weinands (1939-1941); Rev. Wiley L. Hoy (1941-1943). The Bethel congregation then joined with Grace Evangelical Church in Marion. After this time, the Presbyterian Church of Adrian was sold and moved to Ellendale, N.D.

2. Adrian – Trinity Lutheran Church

- Location: Village of Adrian
- See St. John Lutheran Church – Marion
- Photo Available: [La-Adrian Trinity Lutheran Church 1904 \[5702\]](#)
- Photo Available: [La-Adrian Trinity Lutheran Church 1964 \[5703\]](#)
- Photo Available: [La-Adrian Trinity Lutheran Church 1984 \[5703\]](#)
- Community History: *Adrian, ND – A History of Adrian, 1885-1985*, p.125. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized following the service of worship on August 8, 1897, by the Rev. J.H. Kleweno of Edgeley, who agreed to hold services in the homes of the members. There were thirteen charter members at that time, but later, as the congregation grew, the services were held in the Adrian School. The construction of a church building was not finalized, however, until April 4, 1904, when it was decided to build a new church and Adam Ebert of Dickey, contracted to build the church for \$850.00. It was a place of worship, the education, the meetings, and the fellowship of the congregation. Some alterations were made on the original structure through the years, the first being in 1958 when an addition was added to the west side and a basement put underneath. This was made possible by the purchase of a rural frame school house from the Ypsilanti School Board. The Ladies Aid furnished the cost of \$500.00 for the building and the congregation raised the remaining \$1,650.00 to complete the project. A new central heating system was installed at this time also. This addition was completed and dedicated in January 1959. The Rev. Elmer Hethke was the pastor during that time. The first means of seating in the original church was chairs, purchased for twenty-five cents a piece. These were now relegated to the basement and the congregation was able to obtain some used pews for the main worship area. The second alteration was made in 1963

when it became evident that the wooden tower and belfry had seriously deteriorated, even though it had never held a bell. At its lower level, this portion of the structure also formed the front entry into the church. The tower was demolished and a much larger entry or narthex was constructed this time with no tower. Rev. L.E. Ristow of Jamestown was serving the congregation at this time. Within a year after the completion of this project, a new pulpit and communion rail were fitted into the chancel. Many baptisms, confirmation, weddings, funerals, and countless worship services were performed in this original building. On December 11, 1983, the congregation gathered in worship for the final service in the old building. In the meantime, during the past year, the members of Trinity had been working on a new project, the building of a new church with the cost to be paid by contribution that would come from the members, former members and friends. At no time was the cost of construction to out-distance the supply of funds on hand. No financial debt was ever incurred. The cost of the structure was \$70,000.00 including the pews. The dimensions of the building are 40 feet by 88 feet, with an addition that is 16 feet by 40 feet that includes the narthex and kitchen. The main portion of the structure includes a worship area, fellowship area, three Sunday School rooms, a pastor's study, rest rooms, and a storage room. It is carpeted throughout except for the kitchen which has linoleum on the floor. The kitchen is adequately furnished with cabinets and has the convenience of a center-island work area. In the worship area there is comfortable seating on padded pews for one hundred-fifty worshippers and seating for fifteen choir members, in addition to this. The fellowship area has new round tables for use in serving fellowship dinners that are held monthly on the last Sunday after services and for special occasions. The dedication of the new church was held on Trinity Sunday, June 17, 1984 with many former members, friends, pastors, and members of the congregation present. It was a day dedicated to the honor and glory of God. The original church was razed and the additions that had been affixed to it were moved away. The surplus furnishings were sold at public auction. Any pastors have served Trinity Church, but only one resident pastor resided here. The Rev. Arthur Brauer, a young man just out of the seminary, came in 1915 and left again in 1920 to accept a call to Iowa. A parsonage was built just west of the church, but it was later sold, as there was no need for it. Since that time, the congregation has been served from another parish. The Rev. William Krengel came to serve St. John's of Marion and he consented to serve Adrian also. He faithfully served the church for a period of thirty-two years. The following pastors have served Trinity, Adrian: J.H. Kleweno (1897-1898); William Heine (1898-1900); H. Wessloh (1901-1906); H. Vomhof (1906-1907); F.L. Gehrs (1907-1913); F. Wessler (1913-1915); A.A. Brauer (1915-1920); Paul Leuders (1920); O. Renner (1920-1922); William Krengel (1922-1954); N. Spomer (1954-1955); L. Ruthenbeck (1955-1956); Elmer Hethke (1956-1959a); L.E. Ristow (1959-1964); Rev. Hager (1964-1966); Rev. Tegtmeir (1966-2972); Rev. Ames (1972-1973) and Rev. L. Koehler from February 1973 to the present time. The Rev. Koehler has faithfully served Adrian for the past twelve years, coming from LaMoure twice a week to serve the needs of the parishioners. Even though Adrian has not had a resident pastor for many years, the Lord has provided for the serving of the church at all times. Thanks be to God.

3. Adrian – Presbyterian Church

- Location: Village of Adrian
- Closed by 1929
- Community History: *Adrian, ND – A History of Adrian, 1885-1985*, p.127-128. The Presbyterians of the Adrian community held meetings for many years before the building of a church. These meetings were held in the Adrian schoolhouse for a while and later many meetings were held in the Jordan Hall. Finally a decision was made to build a church and land was purchased from John and Lillian Puth on June 27, 1913. The church was built on this land at the south end of town- just south of where the school house is now. It is interesting to note that Perry Puth and Lucille Dorothy Jaspersen were the first couple to be married in the new church on November 3, 1915. For further information, excerpts have been taken from the files of the Dickey Reporter: In March of 1909, the Presbyterian Church held services in the Adrian Schoolhouse by Mrs. Dotty. Mr. Dotty was ill. (The Dottys lived in Oakes and came by train to serve Adrian and would stay here for the weekend and go back on Monday morning.) In July, 1911, the Presbyterian Church was organized with the following officers: Elder, C.O. Danuser,; Trustees, Hans Knudson, J. McCleary and C. Olson. There will be a meeting at the Hans Knudson home in the interest of building a Presbyterian church. (December 1912) A lot has been secured from John Puth for the new church. (January 1913) Work has begun on the new Presbyterian church. (June 1913) The Presbyterians choir met for practice. Special services were held in the Presbyterian church by Rev. Dolittle and Rev. Colvin. Rev. Dolittle

congratulated the people of Adrian on having such a beautiful church and such a faithful pastor, the Rev. Colvin. A large number of people are expected to attend the dedication service of the Presbyterian Church. (September 4, 1913) Rev. Hunter and Behner of Fargo, Rev. Kroeze of Jamestown and Rev. and Mrs. Dotty of Oakes will be the speakers of the day. There will be three services- morning, afternoon, and evening. Rev. and Mrs. Dotty will have charge of the afternoon service which will be devoted to the children. A picnic dinner will be held. A Schedule of Service for the Presbyterian Church: Preaching every alternate Sunday, beginning October 26, 1913. Sunday School 11 a.m. Preaching 12 a.m. Preaching 7:30 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend these services. R.J. Colvin, Pastor The Rev. T.J. Chappell, who was pastor at Montpelier, served the Presbyterian Church in Adrian in the early twenties. No further information of this church is available, but it finally must have closed its doors as we note further: In 1929, the Bethel Saratoga Church moved from the McCleary Schoolhouse to the Presbyterian Church in Adrian. [After 1943] the Bethel congregation then joined with Grace Evangelical Church in Marion. After this time, the Presbyterian Church of Adrian was sold and moved to Ellendale, N.D.

4. Alfred – Assembly of God Church

- Location: Village of Alfred
- See Alfred – Episcopal Church; Gackle – Assembly of God Church (Logan County, ND)
- Closed in 1973

5. Alfred – Church of God (7th Day)

- Location: 406 Winchester St
- [Photo Available: La-Alfred Church of God \(7th Day\)-1 \[3858\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Alfred Church of God \(7th Day\)-2 1944 \[5720\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Alfred Church of God \(7th Day\)-3 1962 \[5721\]](#)
- Community History: *Gackle, ND – Golden Jubilee 1904-1954*, p.59. Henry Sr. Schlenker was the most instrumental in starting the Church of God (Seventh Day) in Alfred, ND. He devoted much time to Bible studies in spite of long, hard hours needed to build a family farm on the prairie. Bible studies based strictly on the Bible were taught in the Schlenker home with other interested families. These home meetings continued until 1936, when the general store in Alfred, ND was purchased to accommodate the growing church. This facility was used until 1945, when a vacant Presbyterian church was acquired. This congregation later affiliated with the National Office in Denver, CO. Ivan Harlan became the first salaried pastor. It remains the purpose of the church to forsake teachings not Bible based, keeping an open mind on Bible interpretation. The church at present has about fifty-five regular members. Visitation and fellowship is always welcome.
- Community History: *Gackle, ND – Centennial 1904-2004 – Prairies & People*, p.59 [same as above]
- Community History: *Gackle, ND – Diamond Jubilee 1904-1979*, p.45. Economic promise and adventure are two things which drew many Europeans into the Dakota Territory. Henry Schlenker, Sr. was one of them. He and his young family were pioneers in the Gackle-Jud area. They were instrumental in beginning the present work in Alfred. Henry devoted much time to Bible study and research, in spite of the long hard hours needed to build a family farm on the prairie. It became his conviction to forsake religious training and follow the teachings of the Scriptures alone. Personal evangelism played an important part in rural America, as it still should. In time, Bible studies were held in the Schlenker home and those of other interested families. These cottage meetings continued until 1935 or 1936 when the general store in Alfred, was purchased to accommodate the growing church. These facilities were used until 1945 when a vacant Presbyterian church was acquired. Various traveling ministers served the body of believers. However, in the early 50/s, the local congregation decided—because of similar persuasions—to affiliate with the Church of God (Seventh Day), which had and has, its national offices in Denver, Colorado. Ivan Harlan became the first salaried pastor. Some present clubs or organizations are: The Whirley Birds, a children's group for those ages 5-8; The Seekers, for children ages 9-12; Faithful Youth Challengers, a youth group for ages 13-19; and the Alfred Ladies Association for active women of all ages. It remains the purpose of the Alfred church to proclaim God's Word, the Bible, for the Salvation of Men. Jesus Christ is exalted! Community activities and their involvement are stressed whenever and wherever possible to insure wholesome activity

for all ages, satisfy existing human needs, and, make practical application of the Gospel Message. Visitation and fellowship is welcome always.

- Community History: *Alfred, ND – Centennial 1904-2004*, p.289-294. Originally, this church was the Presbyterian Church. The Church of God 7th Day purchased this building in the Spring of 1944 for \$800. The first Church of God 7th Day church was located on Warwick Street, and purchased in 1933. The photo on the next page indicates that the building was a store. In 1962, the former Grace Baptist Church was purchased, which was located on Guthrum Street, moved and attached to the existing church on Winchester Street. The church is still in existence and has a healthy congregation. Henry Schlenker Sr. and family came to the United States of America in 1896. When they arrived in North Dakota they stayed with relatives who lived south of Kulm, the Gotfried Muntz family. This family kept Sabbath as did several other families in that area. In 1898 Henry moved his family northwest of Jud. He probably started keeping Sabbath on his own at about the time of this move. The Schlenkers packed up their family on Friday and drove with team and buggy to meet with other Sabbath keeping families from the Kulm area. Henry was so enthused about the Bible teachings that he nearly always carried the "good book" with him. When he was out plowing or doing other work he would stop if he met a neighbor to study Bible with him. Occasionally the men would be so enthused with their study that the horses would wonder off. Eventually the Schlenker family joined other local families to have Sabbath services locally in their homes. Decendants {sic} of these families attend the present Church of God (Seventh Day) in Alfred, North Dakota. Some of the other families included the Kalmbachs, Gohners, and Reichs. Some of the early ministers to these families were William Halberliben 1898, later Paul Kornmessen, Engles, and Kleitzmann. A building was purchased in Alfred in 1933. This was the first church. It had been a store run by a Jewish man who had moved to Carrington. Frieda Schlenker kept a record of the expenses of the trip to Carrington in order to settle the building purchase. Telephone Call (.60), 10 gallons gas (1.78), Meals (1.65), 1 Quart oil (.30), Total \$4.33. Brother Christ Keisz filled in holding meetings for the next ten years. He always arrived in Alfred before sundown on Friday and left on Sunday morning for his home at Eureka, South Dakota. In 1942 Keisz held a revival for about 6 weeks. There were 38 conversions and baptisms. The baptism was held in a pond near the railroad tacks east of Gackle. David and Ida Schlenker and several of the younger Schlenkers and Gohners are among those baptized who continue to attend the Alfred Church. In the spring of 1944 a church building was purchased for \$800.00. It was dedicated the next year. The average attendance during Brother Harlan's pastoring was around 70. Ivan's oldest daughter, Laura, remembers playing piano for the church service when she was 11 years old. After 7 years of pastoring at Alfred, Ivan moved his family to Arkansas during the summer of 1950 so he could serve as an evangelist in that state. Pastors to the Alfred church include: (1933-1934) Roth Mall; (1943-1950) Ivan Karlan; (1952-1954) John Keisz; (1954-1956) Harvey Otto; (1960) Christ Keisz (3-4 months); (1960-1961) Clifford Tuttle; (1961-1964) Noah Camero; (1964-1966) Melvin Sweet; (1966-1968) George Tolbert; (1968-1971) Daniel Camero; (1971-1972) Larry Hadden; (1972-1974) Luke Moldenhauer served as a lay leader; (1974-1977) Ray Youngs; (1977-1980) Luke Moldenhauer served as lay leader with help from Harris Kinzler and Gerry Schlenker; (1980-) Dan Camero. During Dan Camero's first Alfred pastorate, another church building was aquired {sic} and attached to the building purchased in 1944. Volunteers from the local church helped complete this project and the addition was dedicated in a special service. In the fall of 1974 Ray Younge and several members of the Alfred congregation helped a group of people establish a Church of God (Seventh Day) in Fargo, North Dakota. **Report of the Church of God Alfred NO. Dak.** In spring 1944. The brothers and sisters of the Church of God here in Alfred Voted and Decided to change location of Place of Worship if such could be arranged. On April 12, 1945. The trustees John Schlenker, John Gaynor, Ted Schlenker Purchased the Church in which we now sit for the sum of 800.00 dollars. Which money was given by the Members here in Alfred. The following winter found us wanting to remodel the interior and make repairs where necessary, But being as material and help was very scarce it took some time to Remodel. But same winter of 45 The work was started and finished Costing a total of 1294.01 Making a total of 2094.01 of which 1612.50 being raised leaving a balance of 481.51 Balance due. The general Conference of North and So Dak's building fund Gave 100.00 when the old building was Bought. Now as the old Building is sold we Have taken said 100.00 and applied on new Place of Worship Leaving a total of 381.51 cents due our Chairman on the Board of Trustees who has advanced the Money. Now we wish to Not be indebted to one Member or would we feel to let one Carry the Load further so I as pastor of The Church refer you too the text found 1 Cor. 16-2.

6. Alfred – Episcopal Church

- Location: Village of Alfred
- Community History: *Alfred, ND – 1900-1989 – Early History*, p.5. Richard Sykes built the first church on Mandeville Street, the lower story was made of stone, and the upper story of wood. Episcopalian church services were held on Christmas morning of 1905. The Friday evening, Christmas exercises, were attended by over 150 people. A livery stable was built behind the church for use of farmers horses. This barn is presently located on the James DeWitt farm. In later years this was the Congregational Church and the Assembly of God...[Following article may be referring to this church]...Mr. M.A. Nobles has completed the work of hauling stone for the new church at Alfred and Chas. VanGilder has completed the excavation of the basement. The stone masons are expected this week from Fargo to begin laying the wall. The building will be 24x62 feet and will prove a great boom to the town and surrounding community. (*Edgeley Mail*, July, 1905) The new church is nearing completion and there is strong talk of having school in the basement this winter. It is up to the school board to furnish the room and school will begin. Come, boys, push a good thing along and let the school start at once. (*Edgeley Mail*, November 3, 1905)

7. Alfred – First Congregational Church

- Location: Village of Alfred
- See Alfred – Episcopal Church; Gackle – First United Church of Christ (Logan County, ND)
- [Photo Available: La-Alfred First Congregational Church \[3855\]](#)
- Closed in 1959
- Community History: *Alfred, ND – Centennial 1904-2004*. The history of the church, (as researched) is as follows: 1905 – Richard Sykes had finished the building of the first church in Alfred: Episcopalian Church. First Service held Christmas morning attended by over 150 people! 1913 – church record reads: First Congregational Church. Date unknown: Assembly of God. Furnishings and bell were sold in approximately 1974. The following documents [photos] which may be of interest are included on the pages that follow: 1) records attached – first one is dated 1913; 2) record dated 1940; 3) record dated 1941; 4) record dated 1945; 5) record dated 1957; 6) final record of the Congregational Church dated 1959; 7) a receipt from the Alfred post office which indicates it cost \$74.49 to send. Item sent was evidently money and was sent to Germany-interesting...

8. Alfred – Grace Baptist Church

- Location: Village of Alfred
- See Gackle – Grace Baptist Church (Logan County, ND)
- [Photo Available: La-Alfred Grace Baptist Church \[3856\]](#)
- Closed in 1960
- Church History: *Gackle, ND – 30th Anniversary – Grace Baptist Church, 1961*. Early beginnings of Baptist work in the Gackle & Alfred area date back to 1897 when Rev. John Reichert organized the Blumenfeld Baptist Church northwest of Gackle. The first Baptist church in Gackle was dedicated in October, 1905, and still stands across the street from the present Baptist church. Until 1931, Gackle and Alfred were a part of a five-church circuit which included Streeter, Flat, Blumenfeld, Alfred and Gackle. One pastor served all five churches. Names of early pastors include Rev. Leo Gassner, Rev. John Schmidt, Rev. August Auch, Rev. J. Rott, Rev. George Borschleger and others. On December 2, 1931, the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred was born. Their first pastor was Rev. B.W. Krentz who had come to the circuit in 1929. During his time, the present buildings were constructed – Alfred in 1929 and Gackle in 1930. Alfred charter members numbered nearly 30, while Gackle had nearly 50 on its roll. About 89 members were added in the circuit during Rev. Krentz's ministry from 1929 to 1933. In 1927 the Ladies Aid of Gackle was organized and in 1930, the Alfred Women's Society was established. The Gackle group, largely German, completed its work in 1959, and the Alfred group disbanded in 1960. Rev. H.G. Braun served the congregations for a period of about two years as the church continued to grow and develop. In October 1937, the G.W. Rutsch family came to serve the churches. The first Youth organization was organized, in the Gackle and Alfred churches. Today there are two groups, Junior and Senior, in Gackle. Early in 1937, the S.S. class taught by Sam Ruff was organized into the Gleaners Society. Among the 19 members were Clara Ruff (now Grenz), and Lillian Remboldt (now Mueller). The Gleaners will be

celebrating their 25th Anniversary in January. Rev. Rudolph Klein followed the six-year ministry of Rev. G.W. Rutsch. He was with the church for almost two years when he took a position with the Baptist Home for the Aged of Bismarck. International relations were involved in 1948 [50 written in] as the churches negotiated to secure the passage of Rev. John Reimer from Canada. During his two year ministry, the new modern parsonage was built. Returning to serve a second time in 1950, Rev. G.W. Rutsch ministered until 1953 when ill health necessitated his resignation and retirement. During this period, the King's Daughters were organized by Mrs. Rutsch and Mrs. E.J. Remboldt, in November of 1951. This group is still active today. Rev. Manuel Wolff, newly graduated from Seminary, followed Rev. Rutsch. The Men's Fellowship was organized in 1957, which has proved to be a strong arm of the church. Rev. Wolff maintained a well-organized and progressive ministry. The Rev. Bernard Edinger family came to serve at Gackle and Alfred in July, 1958. With further emphasis on the importance of the Sunday School, rooms have been added to accommodate the growing school. The Family Bible Hour, held Thursday evening, has proven to be a time of inspiration as whole families attend and study the Word of God together. About one year ago, after a financial struggle resulting from a number of families having moved away from the area, the Alfred Congregation voted to discontinue services. Numerous factors contributed to bring this about. Though a number had joined other Baptist churches in Jamestown and elsewhere, there was still a good number who were welcomed into the Gackle congregation at a special recognition service. The present membership, after the adjustments have been made, stands at 115. It represents healthy condition, in that our attendance is larger than the membership by quite a margin, since our average attendance for worship service is 125 to 140. No doubt, this church has suffered no more – and possibly no less – than most churches. Depression and prosperity have come and gone, but the church goes on. Pastors – and people – have come and gone, but the church goes on. Times of great trial, and times of great blessing have come and gone, but the church goes on. We have our disgruntled members, & we have our faithful ones. The church goes on because God is working. The Gospel of Calvary is preached at every service and every service is a blessing. We look forward to many years "Laboring Together" for God!

- Community History: *Alfred, ND – 1900-1989 – Early History*, p.5. The Baptist church was built in approximately 1929 on Guthrum Street. This building was later sold, moved and used as an addition to the present Church of God building.
- Community History: *Alfred, ND – Centennial 1904-2004*, p.284. The Grace Baptist Church of Alfred, North Dakota, was constructed in 1929. Rev. B.W. Krentz was the first pastor. In 1930 the Alfred Women's Society was established. The first youth organization was organized in 1937. There were 30 charter members in December 1931. Some of them were: Mr. & Mrs. Harry DeWitt, Mr. & Mrs. Tom DeWitt, Mr. & Mrs. David Dufloth, Mr. & Mrs. George Fode, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Fode, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gehnber, Mr. & Mrs. G.G. Henne, John Klundt, Mary Klundt, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lehr, Pearl Lehr, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Lehr, Mr. & Mrs. John Meidinger, Mr. & Mrs. John Metz, Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Mogck, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Nitschke. Attendees in 1954-1955: Christine Beglau, Mr. & Mrs. Emil Beglau, Arnold Beglau, Elaine Beglau, Richard Ben, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Brenneise, Carol Brenneise, Mr. & Mrs. Harry DeWitt, James DeWitt, Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Entzminger, Mr. & Mrs. G.G. Henne, Delores & Jeannine Henne, Mr. & Mrs. John Henne, Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Herrmann, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Klundt, Gloria Klundt, Mr. & Mrs. John Klundt, Mary Klundt, Sharon Klundt, Mr. & Mrs. Emil Koenig, Mr. & Mrs. Art Lehr, Connie Lehr, Darwin Lehr, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lehr, Mr. & Mrs. Melbert Lehr, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Lehr, Olga Madche, Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Metz, Carol Nitschke, Jacob Nitschke, Jeannine Nitschke, Karen Nitschke, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Nitschke, Mr. & Mrs. Christof Netzer, Beverly & Carol Smith, Esther Smith, Janice & Patsy Smith, Duane Suko, Mr. & Mrs. G. Suko, Harley Suko, Mavis Suko, Rev. & Mrs. Wolff, Albert & Freddie Zieman, Anna Zieman. The Grace Baptist Church of Alfred, North Dakota closed in 1960.

9. Alfred – Methodist Church

- Location: Town of Alfred
- Community History: *Alfred, ND – 1900-1989 – Early History*, p.5. Sunday school was quite well attended, held on Sunday evenings and the sermon was preached by Mr. Taylor, August, 1905. Mr. Taylor, the new Methodist minister from northeastern North Dakota, who preaches each Sunday at the Martin school house at 3:30 p.m., was around last week visiting his parishioners.

10. Alfred – Presbyterian Church
 - Location: Village of Alfred
 - [Photo Available: La-Alfred Presbyterian Church \[3858\]](#)
 - Community History: *Alfred, ND – 1900-1989 – Early History*, p.5. The Presbyterian church was built across the street on Winchester and had a Sunday School attendance of well over 70 people by the year 1927. This original building is still in existence and church services are held every week by Church of God Seventh Day worshippers.

11. Berlin – Catholic Church
See LaMoure – Holy Rosary Catholic Church

12. Berlin – Evangelical United Brethren Church
 - Location:
 - See Marion – Grace United Methodist Church
 - Closed in 1969

13. Berlin - Rogate Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church
 - Location: LaMoure County, Henrietta Township, SW ¼ **Sec 32-T134-R62**
 - [Photo Available: La-Berlin Rogate Norwegian Lutheran Church \[3700\]](#)
 - Community History: *Edgeley, ND 1883-1962 – My Town – My People*, p.105-106. During the fall and winter of 1904, a small group of Norwegian Lutheran pioneers, many of whom had migrated to the Berlin area from Webster Co., Iowa, held services in the farm home of J.C. Anderson with Reverend A.J. Trygstad of Lisbon as pastor. The aid was organized Oct. 15, 1908 at the home of Mrs. Sivert Sorenson with Rev. O.J. Hesheim present. The first president was Mrs. John Orness who served until 1941. Mrs. Sivert Ness was vice-president until her death in 1936. Mrs. Severt Soenson {sic} was the secretary, and Mrs. A.M. Ness treasurer until they moved away. Meetings and records were in Norwegian until 1923. The Ladies Aid disbanded when the church closed in 1958. The church was opened for the funeral of Ingvald Musland on July 6, 1961. He was a charter member of this church.

14. Berlin – United Methodist Church
 - Location:
 - See Marion – Grace United Methodist Church; Edgeley – Wesley United Methodist Church
 - Closed in 1969

15. Church of God 7th Day
 - Location: LaMoure County, Glen Township, SE ¼ of SE ¼ **Sec 34-T136-R66**
 - See Alfred – Church of God (7th Day); Alfred – Presbyterian Church; Alfred – Baptist Church

16. Cottonwood Presbyterian Church
 - Location: LaMoure County, Dean Township
 - Closed January 5, 1964
 - [Photo Available: La-Cottonwood Presbyterian Church \[4079\]](#)
 - Community History: *LaMoure, ND – A History of LaMoure 1882-1982*, p.191-192. On December 18, 1904, 34 residents of the Cottonwood Township petitioned the Presbytery of Oakes, to organize a Church in the Cottonwood area. This petition was granted by the Presbytery sitting in session at Oakes on January 10, 1905. The Rev. B.A. Fahl, Elder Charles A Finch and Elder Byron N. Stone of the LaMoure Church were appointed a committee to organize the Church. Accordingly, on March 26, 1905, the Rev. Fahl called a meeting and affected the organization. The meeting was held in the Cottonwood Township School Number 1 (now Dean Township School Number 1). Sabbath School Missionary James B. Clapp preached the sermon after which three persons were baptized and received into the church on confession of faith. Twenty-four others presented certificates of dismissal from the LaMoure Church, and these twenty-seven persons standing together solemnly promised to walk together as an organized church and were declared so

constituted. The church was to be called the Cottonwood Presbyterian Church. Mr. Leonard G. Croswell, one of the original petitioners, was elected Elder and ordained and installed by the Committee from Presbytery. Mr. Edgar Dean, Earl Alcorn, Melvin Ryder, Mrs. Carrie Alcorn, and Mrs. S.J. Ryder were elected and installed as trustees of the Church. After brief addresses by the Rev. Fahl, the Rev. Clapp, and Elder Croswell, this historic meeting was closed with the Apostolic Benediction. The Rev. Fahl left this area in October of 1905, and his pastorate taken by the Rev. J.P. Davis the following month. Mr. Davis preached regularly every other Sunday during his ministry here, and the next five members were welcomed into the church by him. The Church grew slowly during the years between 1906 and 1914. Very little change in membership is recorded in these years. It grew slowly, but it was by no means inactive. The word was preached and the Sacraments served regularly. The Sunday School, which met before the organization of the church, continued to meet, and special occasions of one kind or another were celebrated in good country style. One such occasion celebrated annually was the Thanksgiving observance. Many pleasant memories exist among the older members of this day. When weather permitted the people of the area gathered at the school building, which during the years between 1905 and 1914 was also the church, to offer thanks and praise and feast together. One can imagine only with difficulty in this day the excitement and preparation for that dinner. Food cooked, children to dress, horses to hitch to the wagon or sleigh; the exciting trip across the prairie roads, built roads were fewer than and fences about non-existent. The men and boys tended the horses, tying them to the hitching rail or putting them into the barn at the rear of the school, while the women readied the food with the help of the older girls. The little children played about the building, imitating the teacher at her desk and getting underfoot of the busy grown-ups. The families drove homeward to chores and rest – thankful not only for the goodness of God but also for the goodness of neighbors and the joys of fellowship together. As new families came into the community they were invited to take part in this festivity. As the number of families became larger, the celebration was discontinued, but it still holds its place as a pleasant marker in the history of the area. Ministers moved more frequently in early days and many had been attracted to this area. Some of these were Sunday School missionaries, others regular Pastors. Several of these as well as students served the Cottonwood Church in its early years. Many of these came as stated supplies rather than as installed Pastors, and most of them were shared with the Churches in LaMoure and Grand Rapids. The Rev. Noorderwien served from Nov. 1906 to Aug. 1908; the Rev. Riddle from Sept. 1908 to July 1909; the Rev. Jones from Nov. 1909 until Nov. 1910. The names of Mr. Greiw, Rev. Doty along with the Rev. Hunter and Sunday School Missionary James B. Clapp appear as temporary pulpit supplies from time to time in the records. These fine men undoubtedly contributed much to the church, but it was the enthusiasm of the laymen and women during these years of short pastorates that kept the church active and functioning. In 1911, March 18, the Rev. D.C. McIntyre assumed the pulpit of the Cottonwood Church and remained until July 1918. This is the longest pastorate on the record of the church. During these years the Church grew rapidly. The session had one member in 1913, Edgar Dean being elected, and by another member in 1915 when Walter Edwards was elected. By the Annual Meeting of 1915 the Church had moved from School Number 1 to School Number 3, one mile north of the present building. During this year and the year following plans were made for building a church proper. During these first 8 years the original board of trustees had served. In 1913 Mrs. Emily Lee and Frank Ryder were added to the list of officers. Under the care of these two boards the plans were made and the building begun on the Church edifice. A carpenter, Mr. C.A. Braman, was hired and Harry Lee secured as helper, but most of the labor was volunteered by the members and men of the community. The two room structure was built on a stone foundation laid on land given by the Deans. The white painted structure with large windows facing north was completed and furnished with the heavy pews. The pews and furniture were drawn over the winter snows by horse sled from LaMoure in 1917. Many stories have been told of the labor and prayer that went into the planning and building of the church, but all turned to humble thanksgiving when in 1917 the building was dedicated. Many friends from the surrounding area came by car and buggy to the occasion. The Church continued to grow. Of the service of the Lord's Supper served on April 8, 1917, the records say, "The membership of the church was well represented. The seating and room of the edifice was taxed to the utmost." During the year 1917, 11 new members were received, and during 1918, 16 members were received. In the final (weeks?) of the Rev. McIntyre's stay here, the Session and Board of Trustees were re-organized to have three Elders and the Moderator on the Session and five Trustees on the Board. Mr. A.C. Hunt was elected to fill the new Eldership, and the New Trustee Board consisted of Edgar Dean, Mrs. E.C. Lee, Mrs. W. Clark, George Kloubec, and Sam Montgomery. The Rev. McIntyre left the pastorate in July 1918. The years from 1918-1930 were years of rapid change in the community and slow growth in the church. Many families changed their place of

residence. New families came and some of the old families grew up and moved away. The Rev. R.H. Meyer followed McIntyre, coming to LaMoure, Cottonwood and Grand Rapids in December of 1919. Mr. Meyer was one of the few early pastors that kept his own cow in town. Apparently he did not keep his own team of horses, for among the items listed on the early treasurers books during his stay, as with those before him, were fees for livery service from the stable in town. Along with his salary, it is said, Mr. Meyer occasionally received a load of hay for the cow. Although the church membership itself did not grow rapidly, the work was kept up at a brisk pace. The Sunday School reached a peak in the year 1921 with 35 members in every attendance. The Sunday School has been meeting at least since 1886 in the summer months. The earliest inclusion of a Sunday School reported in the annual report was in 1915 when Mrs. E.C. Lee reported as superintendent that 25 persons were enrolled. The 1918 records show a membership of 40 but an attendance of 25. The seven years following the attendance was from 30 to 35. The Sunday School has continued without any lengthy interruptions until this day. With the changing community, its membership has been greatly reduced, but its effectiveness continues. Interest in missions indicates a healthy church during these years also. The Women's Association, then known as the "Ladies Aid," sent 70 dollars to missions in 1923. The Church sent 50 to 70 and even on occasion 100 dollars for mission work. The aid, which was organized about 1912 by Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Hunt with Mrs. Dean as first president, has always shown a missionary interest. The aid membership reached a peak in 1919 but remained a steady 15 to 19 most of the time. The Rev. D. Allen Martens became Pastor in 1925. He remained with the Church until October 1927. A summer student served the church for the summer of 1928, Roy Smith, and another William Rule for the summer of 1929. Thomas Adams, a college student, served from 1930 until 1932. These were difficult years, and the church carried its burden well. It held no annual meetings in 1931 and 1933, and the meetings and sacraments were as regular as possible. The Rev. Doty and a Rev. Lensink preached on occasions. The Rev. J. Way Huey was moderator of the Session and conducted the annual meeting in 1934. A membership of 26 was reported at that time. In May 1934, the Rev. Maurice D. Bone was welcomed to the pulpit for three years until August 1937. The Rev. Douglas Carhart served from July 1938 until September 1940. The Rev. John Moffet, Pastor of the Ellendale Presbyterian Church, served as Stated Supply during the year 1941 and until August 1942. J.Way Huey was appointed State Supply from October 1942 until the arrival of John Paul Baker in August 1945. During all these years of irregular Pastoral leadership the lay leadership was strong and sure. New Elders were elected and the trustee responsibilities shared by many members. The peak of membership was reached in 1945 when fifty-one members were on the roll. Since 1952 the Rev. Raymond D. Saunders has served as installed pastor. The current communicant membership is 44. The building was redecorated by volunteer men and women in the winter of 1955, and a two-day observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary was planned for March 23 and March 27, 1955. Rev. Saunders served until 1958. Officers elected during this time were Verna Skovgaard, Herbert Johnson, William Podoll and Herman Feiken, all Elders, and Clarence Johnson, Trustee. Rev. Robert MacFarland was installed as a licentiate pastor in Sept. 1958, and served until early in 1960. In 1969, Mrs. E.D. Dean was elected Elder and James Arndt and Theo Skovgaard were elected trustees. These officers served, along with Mrs. Sam Montgomery, elected Elder in 1963 and Warren Nelson elected trustee in 1960. In May 1960, Rev. Harold Rambo was installed and served approximately 2 years. Rev. Marvin Sherbinske served the Cottonwood Church from Dec. 1962 until it was closed Jan. 5, 1964. A regular service with communion celebration was held on that day. The congregation voted to dissolve and appointed E.D. Dean and William Podoll in charge of transacting necessary business of disposing of the property under the direction of the Fargo-Oakes Presbytery Board of Trustees. The Sunday School and Ladies Aid were active all the years the church existed. A miniature of the original church building, built to scale by Harold Wakefield, stands across the road from the old church site, on the Jerome Dean farm.

17. Deisem – Seventh-Day Adventist Church

- Location: N edge of Deisem [town no longer in existence] – LaMoure County, Nora Township, NW ¼ Sec 06-T134-R64
- See Edgeley – Seventh-Day Adventist Church
- [Photo Available: La-Deisem Seventh-Day Adventist Church-1 \[3691\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Deisem Seventh-Day Adventist Church-2 \[3863\]](#)
- Community History: *Edgeley, ND 1883-1962 – My Town – My People*, p.40. The Deisem Seventh Day Adventist Church was organized June 2, 1918. There were 34 members. First church officers were: E.M.

Nobel, Elder; L.R. Overlees, Deacon; Herman Thom, Deacon; Mrs. Herman Thom, Deaconess; Mrs. L.R. Overlees, Deaconess; Guy A. Searle, Clerk; Mrs. Guy A. Searle, Treasurer. R.T. Nash was the first Pastor. The church was built in 1919 by A.A. Dirksen.

- Community History: *Edgeley, ND – 1887-1984*, p.98-99. One Sunday morning in the fall of 1917, Gottlieb Roedel, a Colporteur, stopped by Guy Searle's store in Deisem to purchase a newspaper. A religious discussion followed. Dinnertime came and Mr. Searle put out cheese and crackers, so that they could continue their conversation. During the day many people came and went. Mr. Searle waited on customers as he and Mr. Roedel continued their study of the Bible, which continued far into the night and for many nights thereafter. Soon arrangements were made to have meetings in the schoolhouse. A minister, R.T. Nash, was sent from the Seventh Day Adventist headquarters in Jamestown to assist Gottlieb Roedel. On June 2, 1918 the Deisem Seventh Day Adventist Church was organized on the banks of the James River at Grand Rapids with thirty-five newly baptized members: Mr. and Mrs. Borwn, Lillie Brown Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dallmann, Fritz Gentz, Glen Graybill, John Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lenz, Otto Lenz, Emmie Lenz, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Nast, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nicholai, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Art Noble, Herman Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Overlees, Guy Overlees, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Poppe, Mary Romilliard, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Searle, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Thom, Mrs. Wilson and Minnie Wilson. A Sabbath School was also organized with Ed Nicholai, the first superintendent. Before leaving the area Elder R.T. Nash raised over \$1,400 for the construction of Deisem's first church building. Mrs. Nancy Withnell, mother of Mrs. Guy Searle, donated some land for the church building, which was adjacent to the store. The Conference sent Mr. A.A. Dirksen and his family to build the church and to stay with the people and minister to the newly organized church. The Deisem Church was dedicated July 19, 1919. Today you would no longer see this town of Deisem, but you would see a little white church standing out on the prairie all by itself. This church was used until 1973 when a new sanctuary was built in Edgeley. The Edgeley Seventh Day Adventist Church was dedicated December 2, 1978.

18. Dickey – Assumption Catholic Church

- Location: Village of Dickey
- See also Marion – Saint Francis Catholic Church
- Community History: *Marion, ND – Centennial 1900-2000 – A Legacy Remembered*, p.56

19. Dickey – Evangelical United Brethren Church

- Location: 3 miles S of Marion
- See Marion – Grace United Methodist Church

20. Edgeley – Church of the Living Word

- Location: 911 W 6 Ave

21. Edgeley – Church of the Transfiguration (Catholic)

- Location: Town of Edgeley
- Church Records as of 11 August 2007
 - Information provided by Fr. Duaine Cote Edgeley, ND 58433
 - Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage & Death Registers kept in parsonage
 - Cemetery Records with Mount Hope Cemetery-Edgeley
- [Photo Available: La-Edgeley Church of the Transfiguration Catholic \[3689\]](#)
- Community History: *Edgeley, ND 1883-1962 – My Town – My People*, p.25-26. Catholic Church: Early records mention Father Hare coming from Aberdeen by oxen and wagon to hold Mass at homes, one being the Jim Plott farm. Father Dillion and Father O'Callahan came from Ellendale once a month and held Mass in homes during 1886, one being the Tom Kanuit farm home near Medberry, and in school houses until the Old City Hall (lot 4 block 12) was purchased and remodeled for the first Catholic Church in 1904. In 1962 it is the Murphy Implement Work Shop, west of the creamery. The first resident pastor was Father Calvin in 1915. Father Long came in 1916 and was resident pastor until his death in 1950. The present church

was dedicated and named the "Church of the Transfiguration" on August 15, 1910. The Rectory was built in 1930. The church bell was dedicated in 1936. The date the Altar Society was organized has been lost. The first president was Mrs. Jim Plott. The 1962 president serving the 121 members is Mrs. Edward Anderson. The first baptism in the new church was Irene Heim, a niece of the Michael Heims. The first wedding was of Margaret Kaut and Joe Brady. The first funeral was for John Hurley. Fathers Ulric Proeller and Leo Kuhn his assistant are resident pastors serving the 611 members in 1962. The church is located on lot 1 block 28. The Rectory just to the south. The Catholic Church owns all of block 28 except lot 8, the E.H. Walburn home and lot 9, the Lizzie Farnsworth home.

- Community History: *Edgeley, ND – 1887-1984*, p.96-97. In 1886 Mass was celebrated in the Edgeley area in various homes including the Jim Plott homestead, a mile south of Edgeley and the Thomas Kanuit farm near Medberry. Fr. Robert Haire is said to have made the trip from Aberdeen by oxen and wagon. Mass was celebrated in the school house which became the Town Hall. It was purchased in 1904 and remodeled to become the first Catholic Church in Edgeley. The Mission Church was attended from Ellendale by Fr. D.J. O'Callaghan, the first resident priest at Ellendale from 1896 to 1905, followed by Fr. J.F. Baker, pastor for a short time in 1905 at Ellendale, and Fr. John Duffy, pastor at Ellendale from 1906 to 1916. In 1909 a frame church was built during the pastorate of Fr. Duffy that continued to serve as the parish church until the building of the present church in 1969-70. The church built in 1910 cost \$12,000 and seated 300. The former structure was given to the contractor as the first payment on the new building. Edgeley became a parish with a resident priest in the fall of 1915. Fr. Richard Galvin served as the first pastor from 1915 to 1916. In 1916, a new pastor arrived who would serve the parish for the next 35 years and would have a tremendous and lasting influence on the life and spirit of the parish. He was born in 1888 in Wisconsin, moved with his parents to Minnesota and then to the prairies of North Dakota, where his parents opened a hotel and general store at Jud. He entered St. Mary's College at Richardton at the age of fifteen. When he was home on summer vacation in 1910 he went with his family by horse and buggy for the dedication of the new Catholic Church at Edgeley, on August 15th, the Feast of our Lady's Assumption. After the dedication, as they drove home, a terrific wind and hail storm arose. The family drove into a farmer's shed for safety. Just when they thought they were safe the roof blew off the shed and they were pelted with huge hailstones, and had to find shelter under the buggy and workbench. Fr. Long completed his final six years of his study for the priesthood at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, MN, and on June 3, 1915 he was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Fargo by Bishop John O'Reilly. He celebrated his first Mass on June 7, 1915 at St. John's Church at Berlin where his family had moved to a farm. Immediately after his ordination, he was assigned to Assist Father Edward Geraghty, pastor of St. James Church in Jamestown. Though he served only one year as assistant pastor, Fr. Long and Fr. Geraghty became lifelong friends and took many vacations together. When Fr. Long was appointed pastor at Edgeley on May 7, 1916 he served the largest parish area in the Diocese—more than 5,000 square miles. The distances were great, roads were merely trails and travel was on foot or by horseback, and later by car when Fr. Long bought a Model T Ford, later equipped with a luxury of side curtains. By the year 1934 he acquired a plane, which he flew to serve his many missions. Those missions included through the years the towns of Ashley, Forbes, Ellendale, Fullerton, Monango, Jud, Nortonville and Gackle (Streeter, Fredonia) as well as the home parish of Edgeley. Fr. Long lived in the Sacristy of the church until 1918 when the parish bought the small Joe Blanco house and his mother came to be his housekeeper. With the encouragement of Fr. J.H. Hurtubise, assistant pastor to Fr. Long, a bell was purchased for the church in 1927. The inscription on the bell, mounted in front of the present church and still used reads "Church of the Transfiguration, Edgeley, ND, Nov. 6, 1927". The inscription on the other side has the Latin words "Vox Domini In Virtute" (The voice of the Lord in Power). In 1930 volunteers, materials and money were solicited for the building of the present Rectory. Fr. Long tendered his resignation on January 3, 1950. He died April 4, 1950 after a long illness (See Fr. Victor Long). In the summer of 1950, the new pastor, Fr. Joseph Hylden arrived. Fr. Hylden was very active in the national Catholic Rural Life Conference. He promoted rural blessings and the building of farm shrines. An article in the May 1960 issue of "Catholic Rural Life" described how the children of the parish collected a fruit jar of wheat from their dads' combine to make their own altar breads for their First Holy Communion. In 1957 the Knights of Columbus Club of Edgeley under the parent Council of Jamestown, became the Edgeley Knights of Columbus Council No. 4389. They purchased a building on Main Street which was completely remodeled and used until the Parish Hall was built. In 1960 Fr. Hylden was named pastor of St. John's Church at Grafton and Fr. Cleophas Jaillet served as pastor for one year—1960-61. In 1961 Fr. Ulric Proeller was named pastor of Edgeley, Jud, and Nortonville. Gackle

was now attached as a mission to the parish of Windsor. He was another flying priest and his former altar boys tell of hair-raising plane rides with him. During his pastorate the present Parish Hall was built in 1962, complete with social hall and catechetical classrooms, the first of its kind to be built in our Diocese. In 1963 Fr. Donald Cote was named pastor, a position he served for the next 16 years. He promoted religious education for both adults and children of the parish. On Sunday morning, June 29, 1969, at an outdoor Mass, the cornerstone was laid for a new church building. The brick building, seating 400 was dedicated in 1970 by Bishop Dworschak. In the words of the dedication booklet "Our church structure is best described as "warm" and "strong". The combined efforts of building committee and architect have resulted in a house of worship with emphasis on "God's People". The building stands proudly as an important and inviting meeting place, where people are needed to make it complete". In 1979 Fr. Cote was named pastor at Sanborn and was succeeded by Fr. Stephen Dickinson. Fr. Dickinson is remembered for his involvement in the community, especially as a volunteer on the Ambulance Squad. In 1981, he was given permission by Bishop Driscoll to work as a missionary with the Maryknoll Fathers. He left Edgeley in August of 1981 for a training program with the Maryknoll Fathers. He was assigned in January of 1982 to be a missionary pastor in the Philippines. He became pastor of St. Catherine's, Valley City in October, 1986. His successor is Fr. Maurice Mueller, present pastor of the parish. There were 19 assistant pastors through the years 1921-1967. The parish also had 17 vocations to the sisterhood and two young men who became priests.

22. Edgeley – First Presbyterian Church

- Location: 307 3rd St W
- Church Records as of 13 September 2007
 - Information provided by Joan Swanson (701) 883-5069
 - Baptism Register 1888-present
 - Confirmation Register 1888-present
 - Marriage Register 1888-present
 - Death Register 188-present
 - Records kept in the pastor's study
- See Edgeley – Wesley United Methodist Church
- [Photo Available: La-Edgeley First Presbyterian Church-1 \[3698\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Edgeley First Presbyterian Church-2 \[3862\]](#)
- Community History: *Edgeley, ND 1883-1962 – My Town – My People*, p.103-104. Rev. R.W. Ely, LaMoure, D.T. delivered the first sermon in a school house near St. George, D.T. in the summer of 1885. A Sunday School was organized and continued during that summer and the two following summers. In the fall of 1887 the Milwaukee depot in Edgeley was available and all services were moved there. The church was organized in the fall of 1887 by Rev. F.M. Wood. The congregation used the Methodist church until their church was dedicated June 3, 1894. Charter members were: Mr. & Mrs. A.M. Davis; Mrs. S.F. Campbell; Mrs. Harvey Hardy; Mrs. Geo. Hinish; Mrs. R.L. Grover; Mrs. W.J. Waters, and Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Fields. The church was remodeled and rededicated June 29, 1919. The Dorcas Society was organized May 26, 1889 with Ella Aikens as president. The name has been changed to the United Presbyterian Womens Organization. Mrs. Clarence Rey is president of the 16 member group in 1962. The church membership in 1962 is 61. Mr. J.A. Depew was the last resident pastor. He left in 1950 and since that time the parsonage is rental property. The Don Hall family live there in 1962.
- Community History: *Edgeley, ND – 1887-1984*, p.97. Rev. R.W. Ely, LaMoure, D.T. delivered the first sermon in a school house near St. George, D.T. in the summer of 1885. A Sunday School was organized and continued during that summer and the two following summers. In the fall of 1887 the Milwaukee depot in Edgeley was available and all services were moved there. The church was organized in the fall of 1887 by Rev. F.M. Wood. The congregation used the Methodist church until their church was dedicated June 3, 1894. Charter members were: Mr. & Mrs. A.M. Davis; Mrs. S.F. Campbell; Mrs. Harvey Hardy; Mrs. Geo. Hinish; Mrs. R.L. Grover; Mrs. W.J. Waters, and Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Fields. The church was remodeled and rededicated June 29, 1919. The Dorcas Society was organized May 26, 1889 with Ella Aikens as president. The name has been changed to the United Presbyterian Women's Organization. Mrs.

Louis Nelson is the current president. We have 14 members. The old church was torn down, and a new building was built on the same lot. It was dedicated on September 9, 1973. Rev. Robert Schurr was the pastor at the time, serving both Edgeley and LaMoure Presbyterian churches. He was living in LaMoure, and the parsonage was rented to Don Hall. Later the property was sold to Frank Morley. Rev. Richard Kargard, was the last minister to serve the Edgeley and LaMoure churches. He left on October 1, 1985 and since that time we have had various ministers. Rev. Charles Cooper, an interim minister, will be our pastor until June 1, when we hope to have a resident minister. Our Presbyterian Church also celebrates it's centennial year in 1987.

23. Edgeley – Jehovah Witnesses

- Location: west side of Highway 281 in the east part of Edgeley
- [Photo Available: La-Edgeley Jehovah's Witnesses \[3692\]](#)
- Community History: *Edgeley, ND 1883-1962 – My Town – My People*, p.72. The Jehovah Witnesses Congregation dedicated their new meeting place, Kingdom Hall, July 18, 1954. The building is located on the west side of Highway 281 in the east part of Edgeley. It was formerly a rural school house moved to town and remodeled. The dedication service closed a week of special meetings. Mr. M.L. Hollan, the North Dakota district representative from Brooklyn, New York, was present and assisted in the dedication. One hundred persons were present for the services. Mr. Max Cloke, the presiding minister of the local congregation, had charge of the study class. Mr. Arlie Cloke is the Bible Study Servant and Mr. Erwin Strating has charge of the theocratic ministry school, which is conducted every Wednesday evening. There are thirty publishers on the church roll. Mr. Max Cloke is the minister for the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Max Cloke have four children: Arlie, Edith, Edna, and Mildred, all are married with families and live in the community.

24. Edgeley – Methodist Church

- Location: Town of Edgeley
- See Edgeley – Wesley United Methodist Church
- [Photo Available: La-Edgeley Methodist Church \[3693\]](#)

25. Edgeley – Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (ELCA)

- Location: 307 5th St W
- Church Records as of 19 September 2007
 - Information provided by Dorothy Ellingson 107 9th Ave E Edgeley, ND 58433 (701) 493-2548
 - Records kept at the church
 - Baptism Register 1956-present
 - Confirmation Register 1956-present
 - Marriage Register 1956-present
 - Death Register 1956-present (burials at Mount Hope Cemetery)
- [Photo Available: La-Edgeley Our Redeemer Lutheran Church \[3863\]](#)
- Community History: *Edgeley, ND 1883-1962 – My Town – My People*, p.99-100. Our Redeemer Church held their first services in the Dacotah Theatre on Nov. 6, 1956. The Sunday School was organized the following week with Mr. Miles White as superintendent. The congregation was formally organized May 2, 1956, with Wm. Nordley as president and Mrs. Miles White as president of the Women Missionary Society. Vacation Bible School started June 3, 1956. It and other educational activities and confirmation classes were held in the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall until the church was completed. Miss Inez Leppert, a charter member, was commissioned as a missionary to Madagascar at a special service held in the Community Hall on July 29, 1956. She was assigned as a nurse in a mission hospital. The church, located west of the grade school, was dedicated Nov. 9, 1958. During the dedicatory services, Phillip Jennings served as acolyte and his mother, Mrs. Charles Jennings as organist. The Choir from the Zoar Lutheran church in LaMoure sang the anthems. Rev. Ralph Rusley, the local pastor, and six district pastors were present. Dr. L.E. Tallakson, district president delivered the sermon and performed the act of dedication. Following the services an "Open House" was held during which James Leppert was the organist and the

ladies of the congregation served refreshments. There were two hundred and twenty guests and members present. This church was among the ones which merged to form the American Lutheran Church, January 1, 1962. There were seventy-five charter members. The membership is 141 in 1962. The present pastor is Rev. Vold. Rev. and Mrs. Vold have three small children: Marie; Robert; and Bruce. They live in Ellendale N.D. where they serve a charge.

- Community History: *Edgeley, ND – 1887-1984*, p.97-98. A small group of worshippers were to become Our Redeemer's congregation gathered for their first worship service November 6, 1955 in the Dakota Theater in Edgeley, where the congregation continued to meet until the completion of the new church building in 1958. The Rev. Ralph s. Rusley was the first pastor of the parish which consisted of Christ the King Congregation of Ellendale and Our Redeemer's Congregation of Edgeley. Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church was formally organized on May 2, 1956 at the Dakotah Theater, Dr. L.E. Rallackson, president of the North Dakota District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was present and presided at the meeting. Twenty-four members were present. The constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers were elected at this organizational meeting. William Nordley was elected President. The Articles of Incorporation were signed May 17, 1956 by William Gerntz, Oscar Leppert and O.W. Kipp. Miss Inex Leppert, a registered nurse and a member of the congregation was commissioned as a missionary to Madagascar at a special service held in Community Hall July 29, 1956. On July 17, 1956 the lot of the present church site was purchased. Work began on the building of the church November 7, 1957 with Lynn Hazelton Construction and with the help of volunteer members. The plumbing and electrical work was done entirely by capable members of the congregation. During this busy, exciting period, several ladies of the congregation did their part by providing meals for the workers, and were on hand with the coffee pot for those welcome coffee breaks. Then came the happy day when the church building was completed and the first worship service was held there on Easter Sunday April 6, 1958. The dedication of Our Redeemer's Church took place November 9 1958. Pastor left our parish in 1959 and Pastor H.O. Vold accepted a call to serve our parish. In January of 1959 the congregation approved a project to excavate the church's basement sufficiently for a Sunday School classroom. Pews were purchased in 1965. Pastor Vold was followed by Pastor Roger Schlaefer who was installed at the tenth anniversary celebration. In 1973 the basement was excavated under the entire church building providing space for a kitchen, fellowship hall, two Sunday School rooms and restrooms. Pastor Buenting served us for two years. Pastor Wayne Eitland accepted the call to serve our parish in October of 1976. He died in November, 1983. Pastor Roy Ott is presently serving our parish. The bell, a gift from the Rogate Lutheran Church of Berlin and the bell tower were dedicated in 1984.

26. Edgeley – Seventh-Day Adventist Church

- Location: Highway 13
- Church Records as of 20 September 2007
 - Information provided by Jerry Thom 7421 69th St SE Edgeley, ND 58433
 - Baptism Register 1918 to Present kept by church clerk
 - Cemetery Records with Mount Hope Cemetery-Edgeley
- See Deisem – Seventh-Day Adventist Church

27. Edgeley – Wesley United Methodist Church

- Location: 305 5th Ave
- Phone: (701) 493-2360
- [Photo Available: La-Edgeley Wesley United Methodist Church \[3864\]](#)
- Community History: *Edgeley, ND 1883-1962 – My Town – My People*, p.86-88. The Edgeley Methodist Church had its beginning in 1887, when Rev. Samuel Preston came from Grand Rapids, D.T. and organized a class of eight adults. He also began a subscription list for future church construction. The first Methodist pioneers met for public worship and Sunday School in the Milwaukee Depot, the only building available. The Methodist Ladies' Aid Society was organized in 1887, at the home of Mrs. Clara Brown. Rev. John James served the church from Monango. The first resident minister was Rev. J.B. Monroe, who came in 1888 and served two years. He had as outposts Enterprise and Keystone in Dickey Co. (Both extinct villages now.) The Milwaukee Railroad donated lots for a church. Building operations began the fall of

1888, and the building was dedicated free from debt on April 14, 1889, at a cost of \$2300. This first church in Edgeley was shared by the Presbyterians until they had their own building in 1894. The trees that add so much to the beauty of the church grounds were planted in the early nineties. An addition built at the back of the church served as a parsonage until 1904. This was converted to Sunday School space after a new parsonage was built just west of the church. The congregation outgrew the first church and plans were laid to build a larger one. Mr. M. Echles, a farmer north of Edgeley, gave his entire crop except, needed seed, to the Official Board on the condition that they would thresh it. Members threshed it. This provided \$2300 for the building fund. Sod-breaking honors were given to the Ladies' Aid members, according to seniority. These ladies are now on the "Roll of the Honored Dead". June 15, 1915, twenty-six years after the building of the first church, the cornerstone was laid for the new Wesley Methodist Church. The new building was put on the same site with the lot west added. December 19, 1915, the church was dedicated, Rev. J.S. Miller, pastor. Bishop Wm. A. Quayle, D.D., gave the sermon. The bell, which still calls us to worship was donated by Richard Sykes, the founder of the City of Edgeley. The Ladies' Aid, which had given \$750 toward the building of the first church gave a total of \$1300. for the new structure, in addition to furnishing the kitchen. The new building cost \$25,000. The first parsonage was moved to the lot where the D.D. McChesney home now stands, in order to make room for the new church. In 1919, this parsonage was sold. The house and lot adjoining the old property on the west were then purchased to be used as a parsonage. In 1923, this property was traded to C.H. Sheils for the residence which is the present parsonage. Again the women of the church assumed the obligation of paying the difference in value between the two buildings. The last of this debt was paid with the help of Rev. Rumer during his pastorate from 1940-1950. A gift of \$1500. from the Andrew Carnegie Fund made possible the installation of the pipe organ about 1917. Mrs. Vern Walsworth was the first pipe-organist. The North Dakota Annual Conference met in Edgeley, Sept. 30 to Oct. 5, 1930. Other churches in the city co-operated in many ways to make this possible. Bishop Wade presided at the Conference; Rev. A.L. Lane was local pastor. Rev. Lane was also the first pastor to serve the three churches in the present circuit, Nortonville, Jud, and Edgeley. Dr. Mitchell passed away Jan. 21, 1930 and left a quarter-section of land as a gift to the church. This gift the church still owns. The Fiftieth Anniversary of Wesley Methodist Church was held on Sept. 4 and 5, 1937. Bishop J. Ralph Magee took part in the services. Rev. Carl H. Meier was pastor of the church. Mr. F.J. Herzer, a layman of the church for fifty years, was present. Mr. Herzer was the father of our present Lay Leader, Mr. Urban Herzer, who has been in the choir since 1908. The Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Ladies' Aid, and the Epworth League were active organizations of the church through the years. In 1939, when three branches of the Methodist Church united the womens' group became known as the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The youth of the church have since that time been a part of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Both groups continue to carry on the work of the church. The 75th Anniversary of the church will be celebrated on Sunday, June 17, 1962, with special services.

- Community History: *Edgeley, ND – 1887-1984*, p.99. Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church had its beginning in 1887, when Rev. Samuel Preston came from Grand Rapids, D.T. and organized a class of eight adults. He also began a subscription list for future construction. The first Methodist pioneers met for public worship and Sunday School in the Milwaukee Depot, the only building available. Rev. John James served the church from Monango. The first resident minister was Rev. J.B. Monroe who came in 1888. He had as outposts Enterprise and Keystone both extinct. Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church was incorporated June 5, 1888. G.F. Wolley, Charles Gunthorp, H.W. Dunn, Charles Reimenschneider, and F.J. Herzer signed the document. The Milwaukee Railroad donated lots for a church. Building began the fall of 1888 and the church was dedicated free of debt on April 14, 1889, at a cost of \$2300.00. The Presbyterians shared this church until 1894 when they built their own. The trees around the church were planted in the nineties. An addition built at the back of the church served as a parsonage until 1904. Later it was used for Sunday School and a new parsonage was built just west of the church. The congregation out grew the first church and plans were made to build a larger one. A farmer, M. Echles, gave his entire crop, except needed seed, toward building the new church. Members threshed it. This provided \$2300.00 for the building fund. Sod-breaking honors were given to the Ladies' Aid members. On June 15, 1915, the cornerstone was laid for the new brick church. It was built on the site of the old church building, with the lot west added. The church was dedicated December 19, 1915. Rev. J.S. Miller was pastor. Bishop Quayle, D.D. gave the sermon. The bell was donated by Richard Sykes, the founder of Edgeley. The new building cost \$25,000.00. In order to make room for the new church the first parsonage was sold and moved to the lot where Mrs. Mike Aberle now lives. Another house west of the new church building was

bought for a parsonage. In 1923, this property was traded to C.H. Sheils for the present parsonage. The Ladies Aid assumed the loan that was needed to make the deal. This mortgage was paid and burned while Rev. Rumer was minister here. A gift of \$1500.00 from the Andrew Carnegie Fund made possible the installation of the pipe organ. The North Dakota Annual Conference met in Edgeley, September 30-October 5, 1930. Bishop Wade presided. Rev. A.L. Lane was pastor. He was the first pastor to serve this circuit—Edgeley, Nortonville, and Jud. Also in 1930, Dr. Mitchell died and left a quarter-section of land to the church as a gift, a gift that the church still owns. The fiftieth anniversary of Wesley Methodist Church was held September 4 and 5, 1937. Bishop Magee presided and Rev. Carl Meier was pastor. Mr. F.J. Herzer was present, a layman for fifty years. Urban Herzer was Layleader then. The Women's Home Missionary Society, the Ladies' Aid, and the Epworth League were active organizations at that time. In 1962 Rev. Wayne McKirdy became the first pastor since 1930 to serve just Edgeley as a charge. This was better for both the clergy and the congregation. Very important events of this period were the merging of the Willow Grove Methodist Church in October 1968 and the Berlin Methodist Church in May 1969 with the Edgeley Methodist Church. This added sixty-nine new members. Merricourt people also came to this church because of church closings. These people have contributed much to both the church and church services. During this period much has been done to rebuilt, restore and save energy and improve the appearance of both the church and parsonage. Rev. Glenn Lord is pastor at the present time.

28. Edgeley – Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS)

- Location: 110 2nd Ave W
- [Photo Available: La-Edgeley Zion Lutheran Church-1 \[3705\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Edgeley Zion Lutheran Church-2 \[3706\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Edgeley Zion Lutheran Church-3 \[3706\]](#)
- Community History: *Edgeley, ND 1883-1962 – My Town – My People*, p.136-137. Rev. E.A. Bartling preached the first Lutheran sermon at a school house near St. George, in the spring of 1886. A Sunday School was organized and conducted during the summers of 1886-1887. In the fall of 1887 services were moved to the Milwaukee Depot in Edgeley, when it was the only building in town. In 1888, nine charter members organized The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. They were: Ferdinand Hartwig, Johann Carl Reissaus, Ferdinand Schulz, Robert Carow, Ludwig Bethke, Fritz Peterson, Johann Michalsky, C.F. Schulz, and Herman Zimmermann. In 1894, Rev. W.J. Roerig became the first resident pastor and the first Parsonage was built the following year. (lot 4, Block 13) On July 11, 1904, the first church was dedicated. (Lot 1 & 2 block 13). Services were conducted in German. In 1915, demand for English services began to grow and all services were soon given in English. The Ladies Aid was organized Aug. 18, 1918. The first officers were: Mrs. Ben Dekker, President; Mrs. Ferdinand Hartwig, Vice President; Mrs. Ferdinand Nast, Secretary; and Mrs. Louis Bethke, Treasurer. There were twenty-two charter members. The church bell was dedicated in 1920. Regular English services were instituted in 1926. Young Peoples Society was organized the same year. In 1942 the church was remodeled, a wing was added and the basement was enlarged. In 1946 the Erickson house was purchased for a parsonage. The Mens Club was organized in 1948. A Neon Cross was installed in memory of the men in World War II. A chine system was installed the following year. In 1959, the congregation decided to erect a new house of worship in 1960. The Turnbaugh property was purchased for the site in Dec. 1959. Ground breaking services were held in April 1960, and the corner stone laid in July. The new church was dedicated Jan. 8, 1961 with appropriate services and an open house. The new church is a structure of contemporary design, utilitarian in concept, yet reflecting a worshipful atmosphere. The second floor of the church forms the educational unit. Eight rooms are set aside exclusively for Sunday School classes. Mrs. Alvin Schulz, President of the Ladies Aid in 1962, reports a membership of 72. Rev. Spomer was installed as resident pastor in 1953. He reports a membership of 510 Rev. and Mrs. Spomer have three children: Christine, Kathryn and Philip.
- Community History: *Edgeley, ND – 1887-1984*, p.99-100. The history of the congregation dates back to the year of 1886 when the Rev. E.A. Bartling came over from near Griswolf [Griswold-?] to conduct services in the homes of families living in the neighborhood of what was then St. George, a post office located about a mile northwest of the present site of Edgeley. After Pastor Bartling left, The Rev. A.F. Mundt, Ellendale, held services in the little village called Edgeley. The little trading center of St. George was abandoned. On October 7, 1888, the congregation was organized under the direction of the Rev. A.F.

Mundt. Nine charter members adopted and signed a constitution. They were as follows: Ludwig Bethke, Robert Carow, Johann Reissaus, Ferdinand Schulz, Fritz Peterson, C.F. Schulz, Herman Zimmerman, Johann Michalsky and Ferdinand Hartwig. The name "Zion Evangelical Lutheran Congregation" was accepted by the congregation on November 11, 1888. After Pastor Mundt left, Pastor C.E. Bode came from Ellendale for preaching services held in the local Methodist Church. The first resident pastor was the Rev. W.H. Roerig, who came to Edgeley in the fall of 1894. Pastor Roerig served the congregation for two years. It was during this time the parsonage was built. In 1896 the Rev. J.H. Klevenow began his pastorate. Until 1901 he served eight other congregations in addition to Edgeley. Then came the Rev. H.E. Vomhof to serve for seventeen years. He served the congregation the longest of any pastor to the present time. In 1904 the congregation built its own church, the building being dedicated on July 11, 1904. During Vomhof's pastorate Sunday School was begun. The next pastor, the Rev. W. Hilgendorf, who came in 1918, died three months later. During his brief term the Ladies Aid was organized. On April 6, 1919, the Rev. Paul W. Lueders was installed. During this time the present church bell was dedicated. From 1924 to 1929 Pastor Paul Ernst served the congregation. Regular forenoon English services were instituted. In 1926, a Young People's Society which was later affiliated with the Walther League was organized. On March 30, 1930, the Rev. O.G. Tiemann was installed as pastor. Two years later a basement was built under the first church. Pastor Tiemann was followed by Rev. William Rueter in the fall of 1937, but a year later, as the congregation was about to celebrate its 50th anniversary, the Lord called the young pastor to his Heavenly home. In 1939 Pastor M. Haerther began his seven-year ministry in Edgeley and Jud. He organized a new congregation in the city of LaMoure in 1944. In 1942 the church was enlarged and remodeled, much of the labor donated by the members. The Pastor Edmund A. Zapf came to serve the congregation in September 1946. The congregation purchased a residence which became the new parsonage. A men's club was organized as a member of the Lutheran Laymen's League. Pastor Zapf also organized a Community Chorus. On October 3, 1948 the 60th anniversary was observed. In 1949 a chime system was installed in the church. Pastor Norman F. Spomer, came from Canada on May 17, 1953. In 1954 the congregation adopted individual communion cups. In 1959 the congregation participated in Preaching, Teaching, Reaching Mission. Realizing the need of better facilities for worship and Sunday School, a new church was built. Ground breaking for the new church was held on April 24, 1960. Cornerstone laying took place on July 24, 1960. Dedication on January 8, 1961. 75th Anniversary was observed on November 3, 1963. In 1965 the new Concordia Retirement and Welfare Plan was accepted. This was to replace the old pension plan. The welfare plan includes medical, disability and some death benefits. After serving the Zion Lutheran for twelve years, Pastor Norman Spomer accepted a call from Park Falls, WI. Pastor Spomer preached his farewell sermon on January 9, 1966. Pastor Arnold Lueker was installed on April 24, 1966, coming from Upham. In 1967 the Ebenezer Thankoffering was formulated. On October 29, 1967, the 450th Reformation Day Service for South Central Circuit at Zion Lutheran was held. Professor Martin Naumann from Springfield, IL Seminary was guest speaker. The Lutheran Laymen's League was in charge of all arrangements. The final payment having been made on the church building, a special mortgage burning at Zion Lutheran was held on October 15, 1967. The former Pastor Spomer was the guest speaker. In 1968 the interior and exterior of the church was painted. A new tape playing system was installed to replace the old record playing system. On August 23, 1973, Pastor Lueker accepted a call from Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Cavalier. He had served the Edgeley parish for six years. In November, 1973, Pastor Paul Bunkowske became the 14th pastor to serve Zion Lutheran. Pastor Paul and family came to Edgeley from Huron, SD. Pastor Paul served two years as secretary of the local Lion's Club. In 1974 a new beautiful three bedroom, two and one-half bath parsonage was built. The lower level consisting of a bedroom, bath and large recreation room and storage. The upper living quarters feature built in desk, built-in china closet, built-in book shelves and cedar closet. The cost was \$55,000.00. New lights were installed in May of 1978 in the church proper. This beautified the interior immensely. The new parsonage, new lights in addition to the beautiful House of Worship built in 1960, the members of Zion Lutheran thank God for the many blessings bestowed upon them during and on their 90th anniversary. Zion Lutheran is a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod which has more than two million members. It accepts the Bible as God's inspired Word and with St. Paul preaches "Christ and Him Crucified", as man's only way and hope for salvation.

29. Emmanuel Evangelical Church (Sheridan Twp)

- Location: 3 miles S of Marion; SE ¼ of SE ¼ Sec 27-T136-R61 (Sheridan Township)

- Also known as the South Church, or the Dickey Appointment
- Closed in 1928, merged with Marion - Grace
- See Marion – Grace United Methodist Church

30. Gospel Tabernacle (Swede Twp)

- Location: 11½ miles NW of Kulm, in Swede Township
- [Photo Available: La-Gospel Tabernacle \(Swede Twp\) \[4121\]](#)
- Closed in 1949, merged with Kulm Assembly of God
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – Centennial 1892-1992*, p.134. In the winter of 1922, a revival swept the territory north of Kulm, ND, namely Swede Twp., where many accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. This was a hard winter, as there was much snow and cold weather, but as the people were very much interested in their church activities the deep snow and bad roads did not keep them away from the services. The early meetings were held in homes and school houses, and were conducted by traveling evangelists and local men. The bobsleds and other sleds of all descriptions were repaired and put into use. In the evenings sleigh bells could be heard coming from all directions to the meeting places. It was a glorious time. In the spring of 1923, there was a Pentecostal missionary, Reverend Wycliff Smith, who, with his wife, conducted a series of meetings in homes and school houses in this territory; and many people accepted the Pentecostal doctrine. In the fall of 1923 a mass meeting was held, and it was decided to erect a church by free will offerings and donated labor. August Carlson, Ludvig Johnson and Tyko Ostrom were the main individuals in this community who were responsible for the first gatherings being held and the forming of the church organization. Ludvig Johnson donated the building site in Swede Twp., eleven and one-half miles northwest of Kulm. During this year of 1924 the church was completed, and the first regular meeting was held in February, 1924, and was conducted by Reverend Thompson of Fargo, ND. The new building was 46'x24'x12' in size. A few years later an extension was built, the size being 16'x24'x12' and was used as a prayer room. During the later part of the summer of 1924, Herman Johnson, of Bismarck, ND, was engaged to serve the church as pastor. Reverend A. Forsgren followed as pastor, serving from 1925-1927. Reverend and Mrs. A. Christianson of Detroit Lakes, MN, served the congregation from 1928-1931. In the year of 1929 the congregation organized the church into the Pentecostal Gospel Tabernacle. A chairman and a board of Trustees composed of five men made up the first board of the church. They were Chairman Ludvig Johnson and August Carlson, Carl Carlson, John O. Anderson, and Gust Anderson. Ludvig Johnson also served in the capacity of secretary-treasurer this first year. A Sunday School was organized this same year by Mrs. August Carlson, and a membership of about 35 to 40 enrolled. Reverend Walfred Gilbert, from Kansas, served as pastor from 1931-1933. Miss Hildur Johnson, from Chicago, IL, served briefly. Reverend and Mrs. Peter Ohlin, who resided in Minnesota, were called to serve the church in 1934, and continued in this capacity until 1941. At a business meeting on September 3, 1933, a decision was made to do something for the Foreign Mission. On the first Sunday morning of every month, an offering would be taken for the support of missionaries Florence and Ephriam Anderson at Natal, South Africa. By 1940 the membership had grown from a mere handful to a membership of 67. The Sunday School membership was 85. The services were conducted in the Swedish and English languages. The description of the church in 1940 was as follows: the building was painted white with a green roof and the interior properties consisted of a pulpit, piano, 18 pews, a hot air heating system and a direct current 32-volt electric light plant. Efforts were made in the 30's by Reverend Ohlin to establish a Pentecostal church in the city of Kulm. As a result Glad Tidings Mission was opened on Main Street in Kulm and was pastored by Evelyn Westlund and Edith Storlie. They served the church from September, 1941, to July, 1942. Miss Westlund and Reverend Clayton Scharnberg were united in marriage and the church was blessed by the newlyweds' services as pastors. They faithfully carried on the work until March, 1947. In 1949 the members of the Gospel Tabernacle voted to join with the Kulm Assembly of God Church.

31. Grand Rapids – Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA)

- Location: Village of Grand Rapids
- See Marion – Lutheran Church (ELCA)
- [Photo Available: La-Grand Rapids Zion Lutheran Church \[4087\]](#)

- Community History: *LaMoure, ND – A History of LaMoure 1882-1982*, p.198-199. It was in July 1905, that a few Lutherans in and around Grand Rapids came together because of growing concern about the spiritual upbringing of their growing families. They contacted Pastor Hummel of Griswold to help them organize a congregation. Through his help, they were able to conduct their first service on July 16, 1905, in the public school house. The charter members were Frank F. Dathe, John Kircher, Gustav Muske, August Siedschlag, Rudolph Taron and Mrs. Bertha Roscoe. Later, on August 13, 1905, the first congregation was formed and named Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Services in the German language were held every three weeks in the local Methodist Church. Three years later on June 23, 1909, the congregation built its own church with the members donating both money and labor. It was dedicated Oct. 3, 1909. Pastor Hummel served this congregation until his death in Jan. 1922. He was succeeded by Pastor D. Scholl, who on June 25, 1922, introduced the English language service. A German service was held one Sunday a month until the mid 1930's when it was discontinued. During the years, the congregation had grown steadily and because the small church was no longer adequate, the congregation, together with Rev. Orville Boettcher, met July 16, 1944, at a fellowship supper to plan for a larger building. Finance and building committees were appointed and pledges taken. A church was purchased from the Congregational Church of Marion and moved to Grand Rapids the following spring. Work was begun on the basement and also on remodeling and enlarging the structure. In spite of the difficulty in obtaining materials because of the war, work progressed with most of it being done by members of the congregation. The church was dedicated on June 9, 1946. Rev. A.W. Raugust conducted the dedication service. Rev. C. Muske spoke at the morning service and Rev. George Landgrebe, President of the Dakota District, was the afternoon speaker. After completion of the church, the grounds were landscaped through the generosity of some parishioners and through the years more trees and shrubs have been planted and each spring annual flowers added to the beauty of the grounds. The cross, altar, pulpit, lecturn, sedalia and baptismal font are of oak and were custom made by Harvey Haugen. The communion rail, also of oak, was a gift. Through the years, many gift items and gifts of money have been given by family and friends in memory of loved ones. These gifts have enhanced the beauty and quality of the services, buildings and grounds. The most recent gift was the insulation, new ceiling and lovely wood paneling in the church parlors. Volunteers spent many hours putting the materials in place. The Fiftieth Anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church was celebrated Sept. 11, 1955. The congregation remained small but the many people who left this area served God in other congregations and carried the word of God throughout America and the world. We have been a two-point parish with High Prairie Lutheran Congregation since 1963. The affiliation has been enriched by new and closer friendships with the people of our sister parish. The congregation has had four organizations: The Ladies Aid, organized in March 1926; Luther League in 1925; Brotherhood in 1956; Chancel Guild in 1951. The Brotherhood was very active until the past year. They had Bible study each month and did various things for the church but the highlight for the year was the annual February oyster stew supper, completely catered by the men. The Luther League led by the pastor or counselors provided continuation of religious training, social contact and fellowship with the young people of our congregation and other Lutheran churches. The Chancel Guild was organized to sew and care for the paraments, look after the communion service and flowers. With the merger of the Lutheran churches twenty years ago, the Ladies Aid was changed to the American Lutheran Church Women and the Chancel Guild disbanded. Circles were organized and now Dorcas, Charity and Naomi Circles carry on the duties begun by the guild. The one project through the past several years that has been truly enjoyable has been the making of quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The thing that has made it so soul satisfying has been the true ecumenical spirit shown by all the ladies of the community who supplied labor and materials, from our church and churches of other denominations. In love and concern for the needy people we remember the words of our Lord, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40. The Sunday School was organized in 1905 and many teachers and pastors have taught the Word of God to the children. The students enjoy their weekly classes and a week of Bible School at the end of the school year. A very important event for them is their Christmas program complete with the Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Wisemen and Angels. This congregation has been blest the past 75 years. Our pastors and their wives have been faithful, dedicated people who preached and taught the Word of God. They baptized and confirmed us, guided and comforted with Holy Scripture. We thank God for them and pray that he will continue to bless them and the congregation, provide for all our needs and keep us steadfast in his word. Zion Lutheran is thankful for all the saints who have labored in establishing and preserving God's church here at Grand Rapids. Many have labored in love but all would dedicate their labors to the Lord God. To Him be all the glory. Rev. Roy Grote, the present pastor, took over his duties in 1971.

32. Jud – Congregational Church

- Location: NE of Jud
- Became Jud – Trinity United Church of Christ
- Community History: *Jud, ND – Golden Jubilee 1905-1955*, p.15. In 1898 the Nitschke Brothers and their sister, Mary, started going to church in a sod house, located on the present John Nitschke farm which at that time belonged to Fred Nitschke. On June 30, 1907 a committee headed by Albert Vogel of Kulm with the help of delegates from Alfred, Kulm and Gackle, decided to start a denomination of their own. A building was bought 5 miles west of Jud and moved to its present cite {sic}. The members were as follows: Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gohnor, Mr. & Mrs. Christian Nitschke, Mr. & Mrs. Matt Nitschke. The first minister was Fredrick Wackner, followed by Rev. Theo. Pfenning also Hugo Baumann, Henry Dietrick, Mike Schroeder, Carl Meier, Rudolph Kirschenman and Rev. Kranzler. Rev. Kranzler and the congregation started talking about building a new church. On March 31, 1948 Rev. Bettenhausen called a special meeting for the purpose of a new church building and pledges were taken for the sum of \$5,520 and a new church was built. It was dedicated Oct. 10, 1948 by Rev. Bettenhausen, assisted by Rev. McCoy, guest speaker of Jamestown, N. Dak. Evergreen trees were planted the following year. Rev. Bettenhausen having completed a very fine job left us. Reverend Grosz took his place as our next minister. The old church building which is still standing in the original cite {sic} was purchased by Christian Nitschke. Mr. & Mrs. Christian Nitschke are the only two left of the original members. At present time we have a large membership and also a very fine choir.

33. Jud – Methodist Church

- Location: Village of Jud
- See Edgeley – Wesley United Methodist Church; Jud – United Methodist Church
- Community History: *Jud, ND – Golden Jubilee 1905-1955*, p.13-14. CHILDREN are our links with Eternity! This truth has been recognized by man down through the ages. We find that among pioneers, be they emmigrant {sic} or native, their first act was to establish a religious center. Already in 1905 we find that pattern being followed in the community surroundings the new RR. Town of Jud N. Dak. then known as Gunthorpe. During the winter of 1904 & 05 Sunday School services were held in the little white school house about a mile SE of Jud. It was a non-denominational, members of all creeds attending. E.E. Manning was superintendent that year. In the early spring of 1905 Dr. S.A. Danford, then district Supt. Of the Fargo Dist. of the Methodist Episcopal church, issued a "Local Preachers" license to a young christian lad, Stanford C. Taylor, and sent him to Gunthorpe. With a two-wheeled cart and an old grey horse loaned him by a christian brother, G.J. Hyde, farming near Merricourt, he made the circuit holding a meeting in three different school houses every Sunday. Money being a scarce article he was very grateful for being warmly welcomed into the homes of the people and allowed to share their temporal blessings. In fall, returning the horse to his owner none the worse for wear, with a Prayer of Thanks to God for being allowed the experience of working here in His Kingdom and \$12 in his pocket, he set his face toward Taylor University for further schooling. At the age of 68 he is the present pastor of the Nazarene church in Bismarck. Services were still held in the schoolhouse during the winter of 1906-06 with Rev. Medland of Edgeley holding services at irregular times during the winter. On May 11-06 Dist. Supt. Danford of the M.E. church held a service in the schoolhouse and planned a meeting for organizing and raising of funds for a church. The meeting was held June 8th in the Bennette & Gunthorpe building. \$56 was subscribed toward a church building in Jud. Services were held in the Achtien store building that summer till Mr. Achtien received his stock of merchandise then services were held in the schoolhouse again in July. Some in the early fall in what was known as the town hall, the upstairs of the Miracle building. The first wedding in Jud took place there in June, 1907. Miss Theresa Achtien and Mr. John Iverson were united in marriage by Rev. Asher, then Methodist pastor. The first baptism to be recorded in the church book was the same year. Cornelia was baptized in Sept. at the home of her parents Mr. & Mrs. Jake Vink by Rev. Asher. In June of 1906 a Ladies Aid was organized with Mrs. C.E. Hawley, Pres. Miss Grace Steele Sec., Mrs. O.R. Bennett, Treas. During the summer they had raised enough money to buy an organ which arrived in Sept. of that year. That fall saw the first Evangelistic Services held in Jud, being conducted by Rev. Ide and his wife. Aug. 1906 the foundation for the church was began {sic} on lot 6 block F which had been bought of the Smith Land Co. for \$25. Adolph was the mason in charge of the work. The first lumber was hauled to

the lot in early Dec. and building started with Mr. Jake Achtien head carpenter, but on account of heavy snowfall and severe cold it had to be discontinued till better weather. With an early breaking up of winter work progressed rapidly and the church building was well under way by spring of 1907. James Withnell of Floyd, superintendent of the S.S. that year, used to start from his home, about nine miles east of Jud, and pick up people along the way; by the time he arrived in Jud, they had a load in whatever kind of vehicle they drove, wagon in the summer and sled in winter. One warm spring Sunday they arrived and found the Sunday School pupils gathered outside the hall which was locked and being unable to locate the key, they went to the newly enclosed church, improvising benches from nail kegs and planks, they held the first meeting in the first church building in Jud. David J. Lane, a student preacher, was the first pastor sent to Jud by the Methodist conference. He held his first service May 22, 1907. On Aug. 23, 1907, the new church was dedicated with Dr. Robertson of Wesley College, Grand Forks delivering the sermon, with a choir from Edgeley consisting of the Misses Duvall, and Barber and Messrs. Ross and Fite with Mrs. Dodd at the organ furnishing the music. Geo. P. Jones giving a fine rendition of The Man of Galilee. In his report to the M.E. conference in Oct. 1907, Rev. Lane listed 44 members of the church and the S.S. enrollment of 200 this included the S.S. in Kennison No. 2 schoolhouse and the Sharlow S.S. Rev. Lane left in Oct. to finish his education. His career was cut short by death at the early age of 28 while pastor at Mandan. W.R. Baldrige from Oct. 1907 to Oct. 1908 was Jud pastor. The year 1908 saw the first funeral held in the church. Harry Hawley son of Mrs. and Mrs. C.E. Hawley. Rev. Wm. Wellington served as pastor from Oct. 1908 to July 1910 with J.W. McPeck finishing the conference term. Walden T. Mahin for a year followed by Rev. R.E. Green for two years. The next year Rev. Virgil L. Merchant held the charge followed by Fred E. James for four years. He was the first to occupy the parsonage which the congregation had acquired in 1916; having bought a two story house and moved it from main street to the newly prepared basement on the lots adjoining the church. A.W. Ritter was pastor in 1919-1920. Adolph Lidke 20-21. In Jan. 1922 Leo Radcliff took over the charge. He built a good Epworth League which continued to grow under his successor B.K. Asper. In 1927 Jud & Nortonville the two societies in the charge took the banner for having the largest delegation to camp. The conference in 1927 decided to add Jud and Nortonville to the Edgeley circuit on account of the shortage of ministers and financial difficulties. So Rev. A.E. Lane was the pastor for the next five years. During the depression years of the 30's Rev. C.H. Meier served five and A.E. Hook three years. In 1940 Rev. Frank A. Rumer was appointed to the charge, he served the longest of any pastor, from 1940 to 1950. When Rev. Rumer came, at the end of the depression and the beginning of the second World War, church congregations were at a low ebb. The Ladies Aid had had to meet up most of the financial obligations of the church with limited resources, a goodly part of the families had left to find work in defense projects the enrollment was at an all time low. Yet in his 1949 conference report these were the results of nine years of labor. For missionary and conference projects \$2,263, church and parsonage reshingled and redecorated both, inside and outside, new oilburner furnace installed and other badly needed improvements totaling \$2,150 besides a heavier budget. Rev. Rumer was followed by Rev. Fred G. Meier in 1950. Mrs. Meier held a local preachers license and filled the pulpit every other Sunday thereby giving the congregation morning service the year around instead of having to alternate the hours with Nortonville as it necessary with just the pastor preaching. In June 1953 our present pastor took over the circuit. In the winter of 1953 the idea of the Gods Acre plan to raise money to remodel was suggested by two of our young men and the idea took hold quickly, so in May of 1953 the men of the church bringing the needed machinery seeded a ¼ section of land they had rented. That fall enough was realized from the crop, that with the \$1,900 the W.S.C.S. had accumulated in their building fund and the men of the congregation donating most of the labor, a beautiful 50x30 basement was built. In 54 with eighteen tractors converging on the land in one day the operation was repeated. \$1,800 was realized from the harvest. This made possible a 12x30 addition to the church of two rooms a nice large entry and a nursery or kindergarten room. So the Methodist Church of Jud celebrates its 50th year with an enrollment of around 75 members, 60 enrolled in Sunday School 14 names on their Cradle Roll and a flourishing Womens Society of Christian Service of 26 members. So the Golden Anniversary of Jud finds the Methodist Church the Spiritual Light in the community that was the hope of its founders and answer to the Prayers of its Shepherds. May it ever guide its people. Hither to pray, hither to wed, Hither to sleep in a narrow bed.

- Community History: *Jud, ND – Diamond Jubilee 1905-1980*, pp.13-14 [Article same as Golden Jubilee Book]

34. Jud – Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS)

- Location: Village of Jud
- See Marion – Saint John Lutheran Church
- [Photo Available: La-Jud Peace Lutheran Church \[3754\]](#)
- Community History: *Jud, ND – Golden Jubilee 1905-1955*, p.17. Peace, (Missouri) Lutheran Church, a Sister Congregation of the Edgeley, N. Dak. Parish was organized by Rev. Vomhof of Edgeley, N. Dak. in 1909, with five Charter members, William, George and Conrad Kirmis, they were just young men, unmarried, Paul Triepke, August Wanke. First services were held in a school house south of Jud, N.Dak. In 1910 these five Charter Members bought the school house for a chapel, in 1914 they moved this building onto the George Kirmis farm (now the Arther Freymark farm). Later a few new members joined. This always was a small congregation. At present, services are held in the American Lutheran Church in Jud. October 15, 1935 a Ladies Aid was organized with twelve members, Rev. Tieman was the pastor here at that time. Later they joined the L.W.M.L. In 1954 this Aid was discontinued, not enough members to carry on. The only marriage in the little chapel was Lorraine Kirmis and Howard Kerber on Nov. 11, 1938. Lorraine was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Will Kirmis. The only ones confirmed in the little chapel were Howard Freymark and Marlys Dobler in Aug. 1954. There had been many confirmed before that, but that took place in Edgeley, N. Dak. Rev. H.E. Vomhof was the first pastor and he was a good and faithful Shepard {sic}, driving here with team and buggy in all kinds of weather, to serve this small congregation. He served here for 8 years. Rev. Spoomer is the present pastor.

35. Jud – Saint Cajetan's Catholic Church

- Location: Village of Jud
- [Photo Available: La-Jud Saint Cajetan's Catholic Church \[3755\]](#)
- Community History: *Jud, ND – Golden Jubilee 1905-1955*, p.17. The Catholic Church initiated its first official activity in Jud with the Holy Mass celebrated by Father Duffy who was a missionary of Ellendale. It was celebrated in the summer of 1907 in the Pat Brady residence. Other Catholics here at that time were the Wm. Long, R.O. Brunner, N. Schockman and Geo. Schulte families. At other times, mass was celebrated in the dining room of the W. Long Hotel. Jud became a station, that is, a place without a church but where mass is said at stated times, in 1908. It was attended by Father Duffy. The corner stone for a new church was laid in 1910. In 1912 Fr. Duffy said mass in Miracles Hall every fifth Saturday using the piano for an alter {sic}. Later mass was held in the old school house. Jud became a mission and was incorporated in 1914 at a cost of \$2,200 by Fr. Duffy. The contractor who constructed the church was George Schaper of Edgeley. Carpenters working on the church were Chris Schaper and Fred Schlect of Jud. There were approximately 170 people in this territory served by the new church when it was made a mission. Father Galvin attended the church in 1915 and part of 1916. Father Long began his work in this mission in 1916 while Fr. Duffy went on a trip to Ireland. He served us faithfully until his death in 1950 which brings us to the present pastorate of Father Hylden. Father Long was the first priest ordained from this parish. The charter members of the church were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brady, Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Brunner, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Alaberts, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brady, Mr. and Mrs. John Tebrugger, Mr. and Mrs. W. Tebrugger, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dagen, Mr. and Mrs. Spaniel, Mr. & Mrs. J.N. Keltgen, Mr. and Mrs. George Schulte, Joe Kaut, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Ihme, Mrs. Schuster, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dardis, Mr. and Mrs. John Hunter, and Mr. and Mrs. Mat Tully, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schumer, William Youngers, Jack Aldrich, Miss Mann, Mrs. W.W. Miracle. The first person to make their first communion in the new church was Cecilia Schulte on Feb. 11, 1915. The first funeral was for R.J. Brunner. The first mission was held in 1920 by Fr. Hardin. The Altar Society was organized in 1916 under the efficient leadership of Mr. Keltgen. It consisted of thirteen members.
- Community History: *Jud, ND – Diamond Jubilee 1905-1980*, p.107. In 1955, St. Cajetan Catholic Church continued as a Mission of Transfiguration Parish of Edgeley, N. Dak., Holy Spirit, Nortonville, N. Dak., and St. Ann's in Gackle, N. Dak., were also missions of Edgeley. Father Joseph Hylden was pastor until 1960, when he moved to Grafton, N. Dak. Father Hylden died March 31, 1972. Fr. Vincent Tuchscher served as assistant until 1958, when he moved to Napoleon, N. Dak., and he was replaced by Father Leo Kuhn. Father C. Jaillot became pastor in 1961 and he was succeeded by Father U. Proeller. Both served for a short time. Father John Riedman was ordained in 1962. His first assignment was as assistant at

Edgeley, following Father Kuhn who is now a pastor at Starkweather, N. Dak. In 1963, Father Donald Cote became the new pastor and shortly after, due to a shortage of priests, Father Riedman was moved to Wallhalla, N. Dak., and Father Cote was without an assistant. St. Cajetans was closed due to the need of priests in the larger parishes. The members of the Jud parish joined Nortonville Holy Spirit. The church building was sold and later torn down. Most families still attending St. Cajetan's were descendants of the chartered members.

36. Jud – Saint Paul Lutheran Church

- Location: Village of Jud
- [Photo Available: La-Jud Saint Paul Lutheran Church \[3758\]](#)
- Community History: *Jud, ND – Golden Jubilee 1905-1955*, p.16. In the year of 1898 a few settlers from McIntosh, S. Dak. came and settled in the vicinity of Jud. In the fall of the same year Rev. Zinck who was their pastor in S. Dak. held church here a few times. In 1899 Rev. Zinck came and a congregation was organized. The first members are as follows: Gottlieb Steperd, Jacob Mertz, Christian Spiedel, Jacob Pfaff, Jacob Koenig, Christian Nitschke, Fred Nitschke, Gottlieb F. Nitschke, Christian Fregien, Gottlieb & William Rempfer. Gottlieb G. Nitschke and Christian Fregien are still living members of the congregation. In 1900 Rev. Nagel was called here as pastor of the congregation and served until 1910. He lived about 15½ miles southwest of Jud on a homestead. In later years he moved to Streeter. He drove thirty-three miles by team. In 1907 one acre of land was bought for the purpose of a cemetery from Gottlieb Rempfer, who was a member of the congregation. This acre cost thirty dollars. The church was held in country school houses and homes of the congregation. In 1911 Rev. C. Hummel of Litchville N.Dak. held church here once a month. Each member paid ten dollars a month. In 1912 the congregation decided that they should have a place of worship; so a building committee was organized consisting of: John Sperling, Julius Barnick and Christian Fregien. A contract was made for a building 24 by 36 feet with belfrey {sic}. The carpenter was Jacob Rodel from Kulm, he also built the pulpit and altar. June 21, 1912 the cornerstone was laid and October 20, 1912 the church was dedicated as the Saint Pauls Evangelical Lutheran Church by Rev. Nagel, Greyttag and Hummel. The building which was redecorated inside this last summer is still standing. June 20, 1920 the Trinity Lutheran Church, south of Jud and the Lutheran Church of Jud bought the parsonage to be used for the pastor serving both churches. In 1921 the bell, costing two hundred and forty-five dollars, was bought by the Ladies' Aid. They also bought the pews, rubber matting and the altar paraments. In 1934 the W.P.A. started to dig the basement under the church and dug one day. The rest of the digging was done by the congregation. The basement was completed in the fall of 1939, and is furnished with tables, benches and stoves. In 1941 the Ladies' aid presented the church with an Altar Bible. The remodeling done last summer consisted of lowering the pulpit and replastering {sic} the interior of the church. Rev. R.W. Schwarz of Kulm N. Dak. is the present pastor. He has served the congregation since Sept. 1953. The first confirmation was June 22, 1913. The class consisted of: Fred, Anna and Lydia Jahn, Robert and Ella Podoll, Mary and Ottelia Rempfer.
- Community History: *Jud, ND – Diamond Jubilee 1905-1980*, p.105. St. Pauls Lutheran Church has been here since its dedication on October 20, 1912 by Rev. Nagel and Rev. Freytag and Hummel. The pastors serving the congregation in the last 25 years were Rev. R.W. Schwartz, Rev. William Fink, Rev. Hummel, Rev. Pratt, Rev. Faaland, Rev. Beunting, and Rev. Wayne Eitland. He also serves Zion Lutheran at Kulm and Redeemers at Edgeley. He and his wife, Donna, reside at Kulm. There are 20 family members at this time. This is a small but faithful congregation, all will help when there is a task to be done. The ladies of the church have no more aid or circle because of the small number, but they serve for funerals, weddings, or confirmation or at auction sales when asked. Some improvements made through the years were water and sewer and bathrooms in 1968, and new carpeting in the entry and porch in 1978. In the last 25 years, there have been 30 baptisms, 34 confirmants, five marriages and 22 burials. The honorary members that passed away are Gottfried, Christ and Fred Rempfer, Albert Fregien, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nelson, Emil Kreugar, Mr. and Mrs. G.G. Nitschke, Eugene Gieszler, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Block, Mrs. Martha Freymark, Lenard Rempfert, Christian Fregien, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gerdes, Harry Gerdes, Fredrick Fregien, Herman Schober, Emma Podoll, Mrs. John Madcke and Gustave Merkel.

37. Jud – Trinity Congregational United Church of Christ

- See Jud – Trinity United Church of Christ

38. Jud – Trinity United Church of Christ

- Location: Village of Jud
- See Jud – United Church of Christ
- Closed in 2005
- Church Records:
 - Kept in Gackle – First Congregational United Church of Christ book [Information given by Karen Kleingartner, P.O. Box 128 Gackle, ND 58442]
- [Photo Available: Jud Trinity United Church of Christ-1 \[3761\]](#)
- [Photo Available: Jud Trinity United Church of Christ-2 \[3761\]](#)
- Community History: *Jud, ND – Centennial 1905-2005*, p.11. By the grace of God, faith, love and trust in the Lord, the Church celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1982, under the leadership of Rev. Charles Kurtz. Our faithful guidance has been carried on by: Pastor Charles Kurtz, 1981-1987; Tamara Toepke (interim), June 1987 to August 1987; Scott Curfman, 1987-1999 and Jane Millikan, 1987-2000 (husband and wife). In 2001, Pastor Gordon Moen served as our interim pastor and beginning February 1, 2002, he became our full time Pastor until 2003. Pastor R.J. Stohler served as interim from August 2003 to August 2004. August 2004, we welcomed the Rev. Barbara Murray, who has accepted to be a good shepherd to the people to love and cherish. The Jud Ladies Aid is few in members but give support to the local Churches. They also contribute to all worthy causes: giving to missions, Charles Hall, Kedish House, fall and Christmas flairs, Christmas Church programs for children, supply the kitchen and help along with other community social events. Jud is an agricultural community where small farms are diminishing, larger ones are taking over, and young people are leaving the area in search of jobs making it difficult for small Churches to survive. But may we, by the grace of God and His goodness, be able to celebrate the Churches 100th Anniversary in June of 2007. "The Word of the Lord endureth forever," 1 Peter 1:25

39. Jud – United Church of Christ

- Location: Village of Jud
- Community History: *Jud, ND – Diamond Jubilee 1905-1980*, p.105-106. [1st author] The German Congregational, Reformed and English Congregational Churches joined together in 1957 to form the United Church of Christ. The union of these churches celebrated its 20th Anniversary in 1977. The church continues to hold its Annual Mission Fests with guest speakers. The church is active in the North Dakota Conference, sending delegates to represent them. Church suppers are held each fall and Seniors and Eighth Graders are honored with special dinners each May. An organ was purchased in 1979 in honor of church members that have passed away. It has added much to our church services. Ministers who have served the church from 1955 up to the present time are: Reverend Emmanuel Gackle, Reverend Edward Eslinger, Reverend David McCurdy and Reverend George Butz. The Sunday School takes part in Daily Vacation Bible School, has annual picnics, presents an annual Christmas Pageant, has sponsored an Indian child and at the present time is sponsoring a needy child from the Phillipines. [2nd author] Rev. Bettenhausen stayed until the new church was completed. When he left, Rev. Grosz took over. He is now deceased, and his wife lives in New Leipzig, N. Dak. Rev. Gackle served us next. He is retired and they live in Aberdeen, S. Dak. Rev. Eslinger came next and is also retired and lives in Lincoln, Neb. During this time the church was enlarged and water and sewer was added. Rev. David McCurdy came from Chicago and went back to his Alma Mater as Chaplain in Chicago at Elmhurst College. Rev. George Butz, our present pastor, came from Pennsylvania. They live in Gackle, N. Dak., with their five children. We have services every Sunday at 9:15 A.M. followed by Sunday School Church Board Members: Parish Board—Melvin Pfaff. Church Board: Chairman—Sam Nitschke; Trustees—Irvin Kleingartner, John Schlenker; Secretary—Murel Nitschke; Treasurer—Rudy Nitschke; Deaconess—Otellia Nitschke; Deacons—Richard Nitschke, Wayne Pfaff; Maintenance—Melvin Pfaff, Anna Pfaff, Adolph Nitschke; Pianist and Organist—Pamela Pfaff, Randa Pfaff; Substitute Pianist—Murel Nitschke, Edna Kleingartner; Ushers—Irvin Kleingartner, Albert Pfaff, John Schlenker, G.F. Nitschke; Sunday School Superintendent—Duval Weixel; Assistant Superintendent—Rudy Nitschke; Teachers—Annetta Nitschke, Murel Nitschke.

40. Jud – United Methodist Church

- Location: Village of Jud
- See Jud – Methodist Church; Marion – Grace United Methodist Church
- [Photo Available: Jud United Methodist Church \[3762\]](#)
- Community History: *Jud, ND – Diamond Jubilee 1905-1980*, p.103-104. As we celebrate Jud's Diamond Jubilee, our church is really moving on with the times. We continue our history from 1955 onto 1980. Rev. Ralph E. and Mrs. Ella Roe served the Edgeley-Jud-Nortonville charge until 1957. On May 3, on that year, our church celebrated its 50th Anniversary. We had hoped for our Bishop's visit on this occasion, but were glad we were honored in 1952 by Bishop Edwin T. Voight's visit. Improvements made in our building were: both sanctuary and basement floors were tiled and the pews were refinished in blond after the dark finish was removed. Rev. Richard and Mrs. Pat Unkenholz served our charge for the next six years – 1957 to 1963. Their P(reacher) K(ids) were Mark, Jeanie, Carol, and David. Reverend's family, the Grant Unkenholz's of rural Mandan, became the 1962 Methodist family of the year. We raised a fund to send our pastor to Brazil as a missionary in November 1962. In early 1963, we purchased an Orgasonic electric organ, which adds to our services. A new activity in 1959 was LaMoure County Methodist Day at Grand Rapids Memorial Park, sponsored by the six Methodist churches in the county. This became an annual affair. Speakers, a massed choir from all the churches directed by Mrs. Unkenholz, a picnic dinner, followed by an informal afternoon program and visiting, made it a great day. Rev. Wayne and Mrs. Maybelle McKirdy came to our charge in 1963 and served until 1969. Their P.K.'s were Scott, Stuart, Bruce and Donna Mae. He continued to promote LaMoure County Methodist Day, also had mission and study classes. The God's Acre project, begun in 1953, ended in 1964. He taught us songs from our new hymnal. Phillip Lint, who says he is a product of both Jud and Nortonville churches, was ordained a deacon at N. Dak. Conference in May 1966. He is presently pastor at Edgeley. Our Woman's Society of Christian Service celebrated their 25th Anniversary in 1966. Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches began plans to merge. In 1968, our kitchen was remodeled and redecorated. Rest rooms were added and our church was connected to Jud's city water system. In 1969, we became the United Methodist Church and part of the Kulm-Jud charge. Rev. Grant and Mrs. Eileen Piehl, who lived in the Kulm parsonage, served us for the next four years, 1969-1973. Their P.K.'s were Latha, David, Joel and Jeffrey. Since a large group of youth comprised Edward Duden's Sunday School class, Rev. Piehl had an active M.Y.F. who had annual weekend retreats at Wesley Acres each spring. Both churches helped sponsor this project. In 1972, we painted our interior church walls above the leatherette-white. We were without an ordained pastor for a time after Rev. and Mrs. Piehl and family left for their new charge in June 1973. We enjoyed a young family, Dennis Boe, his wife and little girls. Rev. Patrick D. and Mrs. Sonja Dyes, who were products of missionaries in India and were glad of it, came to us from Dallas, Texas, where he had attended the Methodist Seminary by receiving a scholarship. This was the first time we were served by people of another race, and we loved and enjoyed them. Population trends really affect churches. Our young people were growing up and many were leaving, but in their place was a large group of children from beginners through junior classes in Sunday School and in our Children's Choir. Each pastor had confirmation classes as students reached that age. Special Fellowship dinners were served on these occasions (and also each year for our graduates from eighth grade and high school). Present members, who had been confirmed, are: Mrs. Opal Zundel, class of 1936; Edward and Helen Duden, class of 1942; and Candy Davidson, class of 1976. All are active members of our church. Our Woman's Society of Christian Service became the United Methodist Women in 1973. We help in many ways, locally and in missions. A few of our women have served both groups through the years as district and conference officers. In 1975, our church sanctuary and entry were carpeted, the stage, once lowered, was now raised, and permanent altar rails installed. The brown leatherette was covered by white vinyl paper. Our basement walls were panelled and new fluorescent lights replaced the old lights, in 1977. We have had a choir of couples for the last 25 years who are now grandparents. They are: Helen and Edward Duden, Irene and Oral Elhard, Loreyn and Carroll Hartley, Ida and Henry Kalmbach, Anna and John Mickelson, and Joyce Gahner joined later. This year we welcomed another former couple – Ruth and Elmer Job. Cornelia Jahn is accompanist. We enjoyed having Rev. and Mrs. Dyes in our choir. Our church has been the scene of both happy and sad occasions, but you'll always find our Women's Group – now the United Methodist Women – doing a wonderful job of helping and serving. Down through the years we have been involved in LaMoure County Inter church work, Sunday School conventions, supper conferences, youth groups, and annual hymn sings. We have become more ecumenical locally by having union services with the Congregational and Lutheran Churches on Good Friday and Thanksgiving. This last year we had union Lenten services, also. A youth

choir furnishes special music, under the direction of Thelma Barnick. We have a Jud United Bible School each year for all children. On May 30, 1976, Rev. Dyes led our Bicentennial Service and Program. Both adult and children's choirs participated. An informal program honoring church charter members, faithful workers and ten couples married 35 years or more, was given. We had a LaMoure County United Methodist Evening at Edgeley United Methodist Church July 9, 1978 to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the United Methodist Church. Edward Duden has been a faithful lay speaker in various churches when the need arose, as well as in our own. The wedding of the Dyes' daughter, Sushma, and Reed Newstrom, August 5, 1978 in the Kulm church was a happy time. Many people, old and young, of both churches were involved. On August 21, 1978 our whole area was shocked and saddened by the accidental car deaths of Rev. and Mrs. Dyes and his aunt and uncle, Monica P. and Joseph P. Das, who had come from India to attend the wedding. Many people from many places attended the funeral for four in Kulm, the Dyes and Das rest in the Kulm cemetery – the Dyes' home in America. Our float, in the form of the globe in Jud's 1978 Fall Festival, was dedicated to Rev. and Mrs. Dyes. Since then, various pastors and laymen have been our speakers. We enjoyed having Rodney Tach, a prospective minister, and his wife, Marilyn, a nursing graduate of Jamestown College with us most recently as "Ministers". A new altar, made by Sol Nitschke, is in memory of Julia Gilbertson, John Fode, Bertha Fode, Charles Carlson, Anna Roehr, Fred Jahn and other nameless memorials given by various individuals and the United Methodist Women. We have received from: (1) Ted and Doneene Bergman, a public address system in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gilcher; (2) Elmer and Ruth Job, a beautiful wall clock made by Elmer and given in memory of their daughter Rene, who grew up here; (3) a picture of Christ painted and given by Betty Mosher, sister of Doneene Bergman. Other memorials will be given in the near future by Cornelia Jahn and family in memory of Walter Jahn, their husband and father. Rev. Donald and Mrs. Cordelia Goold are our present "shepherds of the flock". We welcome them to both our church and our choir. Let us give thanks to God for the pioneers of our church who built both the building and the church itself - the people - the body of Christ. We are grateful to those who kept it going through the difficult years of hard times. We are thankful to the new generation for their participation in its program.

- Community History: Jud, ND – *Centennial History, 1905-2005*, p.12-13. [Excerpts with o—o indicating portion bypassed] As we celebrate the City of Jud's Centennial we are also preparing to celebrate the Centennial of our Church. We continue our history here from 1980 to the present. As someone told me, Jud is "The Little Town that wouldn't die," so are we "The Little Church that wouldn't die." Our Pastors since 1980 have been: Rev. Clifford Nielsen, 1980-1985; Rev. Rick Fossum, 1985-1987; Rev. Bruce Adams, 1987-1992; Rev. Glen Sayler, 1992-1994; Rev. John Donaldson, 1994-1999; Rev. John Baskins, 1999-2001; and Pastor Rodney Ulmer, 2001 to the present. In the 1980s and 1990s and early years of the new Century we completed the following building projects: (1) Two Sunday School rooms were completed, (2) New windows were installed, (3) The church was insulated and paneled, (4) The Church was painted inside, (7) Coat racks were installed, (8) A book case for music was installed in the Library, (9) New front doors and basement door were installed, (10) Stained glass windows were installed in the front windows of the Church, (11) A new brick church sign was installed in front of the Church, and (12) Remodeling of Sunday School rooms making a new meeting room we have named "The Upper Room". Whenever possible work was completed by Church volunteers. The Choir has been a part of the Church since its earliest times. We still have a faithful choir which was under the direction of Grace Steele for many years. We were all very saddened when Grace moved to Jamestown and we were left without a wonderful, patient pianist and choir director. Joan Toay has been a blessing for our Church and has volunteered her services as pianist and choir director. We are very grateful to her. Many choir members were a part of the choir for over 40 years and their picture appeared in the "Dakotas Connection" in 1998. Two of these faithful singers remain with the Choir today—they are Helen Duden and Loreyn Hartley. [o—o] Our Church has been involved in Community Worship Services whenever possible and we have our Annual Christmas Program and Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve. We have, also, sponsored and helped with many benefits for local people with large medical expenses. The following are members of our Church as of our Charge Conference in 2004: Alan Bergman, Deanna Dagen, Helen Duden, Douglas Rode, Del Wayne Zachrison, Carroll Hartley, Loreyn Hartley, Gladys Jahn, Ida Kalmbach, Virginia Rode, Esther Gilbert, Carla Fregien, Justin Pfaff, Darrel Praff, Jean Praff, Wallace Rode, Arlyn Pfaff, Rhonda Pfaff, Sharman Zarhrison, and Dayne Zachrison. The following are also a part of our Church Community: Darwin Bossart, Nancy Bounds, Terry Bounds, Joyce Gahner, Irene Gilmore, Ivan Gilmore, Glenn Gilmore, Dave Guess, Lory Guess, Dan Raby, Darlene Raby, and Joan Toay. The following have been

given as Memorials since 1980: (1) New front doors and basement door in Memory of Mrs. Jake Schlenker; (2) New burner for the furnace given in Memory of Henry Kalmbach; (3) Basement coat rack in Memory of George Zundel; (4) Folding chairs in Memory of Tom and Mabel Withnell; (5) Silver Service, chairs, and portable microphone in Memory of Esther Jahn; (6) Choir books and Hymn Board in Memory of Lentina Pfaff; (7) Stained glass windows in Memory of Beatrice and Levi Drenth; (8) Brick Church sign in Memory of Ted Bergman, John and Ella Kalmbach, Emilie Leno, and Kasey Jo Pfaff; (9) Banners in Memory of Jerry Mickelson and Edward Duden; (10) Hymnals in Memory of Nick Jahn, Edward Duden, Ted and Doneene Bergman, Adam Guess, Duane Steele, and Ruth Barnick; (11) Remodeling of Sunday School rooms to create "The Upper Room" in Memory of Gloria Mullner and Glenn Bennett; (13) *sic* Pew Bibles in Memory of Edward Duden, Ann Lint, and Phebe Kirmis; (14) Bench in Entry in Memory of Elmer Job; (15) Registration Desk in Memory of Jerry Mickelson; (16) Candles in Memory of Irene Elhard; (17) CD Player in Memory of Hildur Zachrison; (18) TV/VCR Unit in Memory of Mabel Bennett and Duane Steele; (19) United Methodist Hymnal on CDs in Memory of Harold Gilbert; (20) Front Steps and New Bathroom Fixtures in Memory of Minnie Elhard, Mabel Bennett, Lenore Franklin, and Florence Podoll; (21) New Lighting in Chancel in Memory of Edward Duden and Irene Elhard. Our numbers are small, but we hope to be able to continue our work for years to come. And we welcome everyone to attend our Services!

41. Kulm – Assembly of God Church

- Location: 108 2nd St SW
- Church Records as of 22 October 2007
 - Information provided by Arley Adnerson 6749 Cty Rd 66 Kulm, ND 58456
 - Records kept at the church
 - Baptism Register 1948-2006
 - Confirmation Register (none)
 - Marriage Register 1949-2005
 - Death Register 1963-2007
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Assembly of God Church-1 \[4111\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Assembly of God Church-2 \[4116\]](#)
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – 1892-1957*, p.25-26. Efforts to permanently establish an Assemblies of God Church in Kulm were begun in August, 1946 when Rev. C.G. Scharnberg, presbyter of the North Dakota District Council and pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in Swede Township, invited Rev. Lloyd C. Jorgenson, Evangelist, to Kulm. Rev. L.C. Jorgenson, together with co-workers, Oliver W. Johnson and James L. Roney, began meeting in a district tent on August 8th, 1946 on the lot just west of the present Ford building. After September 15th meetings were held in the City Auditorium and Glad Tidings Mission; however quick action was taken to purchase a small church a few miles east of the city. Favorable weather made it possible for Rev. C.G. Scharnberg to rally his men from the Tabernacle and a large number of volunteers from Swede Township and to pour the foundation early in December of that same year. The purchased building was moved in, and the first service held in the building was a children's Christmas program. At this time Glad Tidings Mission on Main St., which had undoubtedly blessed the lives of very many during its years of service, was discontinued. In 1949 the Gospel Tabernacle, an Independent Pentecostal Church which had been a Gospel Lighthouse in the community north of Kulm voted to amalgamate with the Kulm Assembly of God. To accommodate the numerical growth, in 1947 the main auditorium of the church was made one-third again as large as it was, an entry was built on the south side of the church, and the interior was completely remodeled and decorated. Again, in 1950, an annex twenty-four feet by sixty feet was added to meet the need of the rapidly growing and scientifically departmentalized Sunday School. The various departments of the church working in accord and unity have brought the resultant, satisfying growth. In the Assembly Sunday School there has been a remarkable development in operation and attendance. The average attendance in 1949 was 34, and in 1956 it was 179. Jean Loven is the superintendent of this five-department school of fourteen classes, which keeps thirty-three workers actively engaged. The Women's Missionary Council actively engages in home and foreign missionary enterprises. This strong arm of the church is a continuation of the WMC introduced by Miss Edith Storlie and Miss Evelyn Westlund in 1939. The Men's Fellowship organizes the men in a similar

field of service. The Christ's Ambassadors are the youth of the assembly. 50 youth of C.A. age conduct a weekly service in the church, while bi-monthly meetings are held by the Christian Cadets (ages 9-13) and the Teens. The Assembly Singers have conducted many sacred concerts throughout the area, besides providing music for all the services of the church. Rev. L.C. Jorgenson has continued as pastor since 1946. Two summers he studied and traveled extensively in Europe as speaker and musician. His dedication to the ministry has contributed much to the upbuilding of the local Assembly of God.

- Community History: *Kulm, ND – Diamond Jubilee, Supplement to 1957 Jubilee Book*. Kulm Assembly congregation has continued to grow and, in October of 1958, ground was broken for a new church on lots purchased from Mrs. Maggie Siewert. Much of the labor on the new church was donated by the people of the local congregation and the building was completed and ready for occupancy by the 15th of October, 1959. A crowd of close to 600 people were on hand for the dedication services which were held on the 22nd of November, 1959. Rev. K.E. Olson, District Superintendent of the North Dakota District of the Assemblies of God officiated at the dedicatory services. The facilities of the new church building, a 44 x 90 structure, are being used to their fullest capacity. Rev. Lloyd C. Jorgenson was pastor of the congregation while they were in their building program. He resigned as pastor in October of 1960, after 14 years of faithful service. Following his resignation, Rev. Marlin Kallevig served the church until November of 1965. The present pastor, Rev. LeRoy Johnson, came in May of 1966. Evangelism is kept as the heart of the local congregation. A strong emphasis is given to missions each month. Several missionaries on the foreign field are being helped in their support. Support is also being received for home mission projects, as well as the radio ministry of "Revivaltime." The following departments are active in the work of the church: The Choir, Sunday School, Women's Missionary Council, Men's Fellowship, Christ Ambassadors, Missionettes, and the Royal Rangers. The Choir. The choir, composed of 22 members, has added much to the spiritual worship of the church. They minister in both the morning and evening services each Sunday. They have presented several sacred concerts in the church as well as in other churches in the area. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Anderson. Mrs. LeRoy Johnson serves as pianist. Women's Missionary Council. The Women's Missionary Council, in the local Assembly, was organized by Miss Evelyn Westland and Miss Edith Storlie. Through the years, this group has been actively engaged in helping both the foreign and home missionary. The prayers of this group, as well as the contributions of money, clothing, household items, etc., have meant much to the missionaries. The W.M.C.s are divided into three groups. Each group meets separately once each month for prayer and to work on various missionary projects. The last Thursday of each month, they meet together for a devotional service and prayer. Men's Fellowship. The Men's Fellowship meets once a month for their regular services. This group, as well as contributing and having a concern for missions, has completed several projects in the church which has added to its beauty and usefulness. Work days are held periodically. Christ Ambassadors. The Christ Ambassadors is the youth organization of the church. They meet each Thursday night for their scheduled services. Missions are stressed through their "Speed-the-Light" program. This program provides equipment for missionaries. An offering is received each month for this purpose.
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – Centennial 1892-1992*, p.122. Efforts to permanently establish an Assemblies of God Church in Kulm were begun in August, 1946, when Rev. C.G. Sharnberg, Presbyter of the North Dakota District and Pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in Swede Twp., invited Rev. Lloyd Jorgenson, Evangelist, to Kulm. Rev. L.C. Jorgenson, together with co-workers Oliver Johnson and James Roney, began tent meetings August 8, 1946, later moving to the Glad Tidings Mission. That same year property was purchased and a church moved in from east of Kulm. In 1949 the Gospel Tabernacle, an independent Pentecostal Church, voted to amalgamate with the Kulm Assembly of God. In 1951, the Gospel Tabernacle building was moved into town and adjoined to the church building. It was used as a Sunday School Annex and a Prayer Room. A parsonage was purchased in 1954. Work began on a new church building in the fall of 1958; it was completed in October 1959. In 1976, an annex was built; included were a Prayer Room, Pastor's Office, Sunday School Office, and Sunday School Rooms. Rev. Lloyd Jorgenson served as pastor from 1946-1960, followed by Rev. Marlin Kallevig, Rev. LeRoy Johnson, Rev. Lowell Clarke, Rev. Al Pownell, Rev. Harry Heidt and Rev. Lonnie Titus. Rev. Larry Gunther is the present pastor, coming here in October 1988. The church is privileged to have 13 of its former Sunday School members in the Lord's Work as pastors and missionaries. The following

departments are active in the work of the church: the Sunday School, Women's Ministries, Men's Ministries, Youth Group, Missionettes, Royal Rangers, Prims, Daisies, Rainbows and Children's Church.

42. Kulm – Baptist Church

- Location: Town of Kulm
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Baptist Church-1 \[4117\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Baptist Church-2 \[4110\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Baptist Church-3 \[4111\]](#)
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – 1892-1957*, p.24-25. The Kulm Baptist Church was organized July 4, 1892 when a few Swedish Baptist settlers decided to form a church. The eight charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lundstrom, Peter Tjernlund, Anton Tjernlund, Anton Bjur, Gust Dahlberg, J.P. Johnson and Rudolph Ogren. None of these are living today. At first Anton Tjernlund acted as preacher when no other minister was available. The Lord blessed the work in those early days for during the first year the membership doubled. The first regular pastor, Rev. Olaf Sutherland, came in 1894 and by 1896 the membership was thirty. Other early pastors who served for longer or shorter periods were: Rev. Hans Blomgren, J.P. Zetterwall, Emil Lundquist, Frank Toleen, Nels Soneson, John Erickson, Nathaniel Edwall, A.E. Lysell, E.A. Asplund. Rev. Bengt Anderson came in 1922 and during his pastorate a wonderful revival swept the entire Swedish settlement. More than fifty professed conversions were witnessed. Miss Minnie Nelson was the Evangelist, assisted by Rev. and Mr. A.E. Pederson. Student pastors during the following years were: Rev. Harold Martinson, Rev. Ernest E. Nelson and Rev. Eric Anderson. In 1930 Victor Erickson became the pastor. During his seven year ministry more than 30 members were added to the church. Rev. N.E. McCoy served as part-time pastor beginning in 1938. Rev. David Anderson, Rev. Ray Shodin and Rev. Paul White followed as pastors. The new church building was dedicated October 31, 1948. In 1951 a deep well was drilled and a water system was installed in both the Church and the parsonage. The oldest living members in length of membership are: Mrs. Betsy Lindgren, Mrs. Olaf Olson, Alma and Carl Lindgren and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bowman. Rev. Credo Erickson is the present pastor coming here in June of 1955.
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – Diamond Jubilee, Supplement to 1957 Jubilee Book*. "Just thinking back from 1957 to 1967." Credo Erickson continued here as pastor until August, 1959. The Lord blessed their ministry during their stay here. In November, 1959, Jim Hubbard became our pastor. Their love and concern in all branches of the work was greatly appreciated. During their ministry here, our church was moved into Kulm. In February, 1965, Rev. G. Holmes came here as pastor and continues faithfully in the work. The Holmes are living in the parsonage that was purchased last April. The parsonage out in the country was sold to the Gust Ericksons. Edwin Lindgren is the Vice Chairman of the church. Our Sunday School Superintendent is Robert Buerkley and Junior Department Superintendent is Alice Thernlund. The Sunday School continues to help support the Irvin Bjellands, missionaries to the Philippines. Our older folks still active in the work are: Carl Anderson, Eddie Ostrom, Mr. and Mrs. Signar Lundgren, Mrs. Christine Bowman, Mrs. Elna Anderson, and Carl Tjernlund. Some of our older members, living away from here, are: Mrs. Alma Lindgren, Yakima, Washington; John Anderson, Seattle, Washington; and Mrs. Haydle Smith, Minneapolis, Minnesota. To all of these, we want to give special honor and thanks for their faithfulness in prayer and support of the church; indeed, we can truly say we appreciate them very much. On July 1-2, 1967, we will observe the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Kulm Baptist Church with our theme as "Looking Unto Jesus."
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – Centennial 1892-1992*, p.123-124. The Kulm Baptist Church was organized July 4, 1892, when a few Swedish Baptist settlers decided to form a church. The eight charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lundstrom, Peter Tjernlund, Anton Tjernlund, Anton Bjur, Gust Dahlberg, J.P. Johnson and Rudolph Ogren, none of whom are living today. At first Anton Tjernlund acted as preacher when no other minister was available. The Lord blessed the work in those early days for during the first year the membership doubled. The first regular pastor, Rev. Olaf Sutherland, came in 1894 and by 1896, the membership was thirty. Other early pastors who served for longer or shorter periods were Hans Blomgren, J/P. Zetterwall, Emil Lundquist, Frank Toleen, Nels Soneson, John Erickson, Nathaniel Edwall, A.E. Lysell and E.A. Asplund. Rev. Bengt Anderson came in 1922 and during his pastorate revival swept

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43. Kulm – Church of God

See Seventh-Day Adventist – Church of God (Dickey County, ND)

44. Kulm – Evangelical United Brethren Church

- See Kulm – Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church

45. Kulm -- First Congregational Church

- Location: Town of Kulm
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm First Congregational Church-1 \[4104\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm First Congregational Church-2 \[4106\]](#)
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – 1892-1957*, p.13-14. The beginning of the first Congregational Church of Kulm, North Dakota, leads back to the year of 1893 when services were conducted in the homes of George Gackle and John Gross until the erection of the first church building in the year 1897. Due to a great spiritual desire on the part of the people this first building soon proved much too small for the accommodation of the increasing attendance, and plans for a larger building were not only drawn, but actually carried out under the fine leadership of Rev. M. Trieber, who was assisted in this great undertaking by Mrs. George Gackle. The results of their untiring efforts enabled the congregation to dedicate the second church building in the spring of 1905. During the past 64 years this church has been served by the following clergymen: P. Burkhardt, M. Trieber, A. Vogel, E. Wagner, J. Ament, H. Nuetzmann, C.A. Lippemberger, H. Wuerth, P. Ruder, B. Moss, E. Ketterling, Carl Roemmich and C. Martin the present pastor. Through the efforts and untiring labor of these men the church was able to make continuous progress. Following the work of Rev. M. Trieber was Rev. Albert H. Vogel and his assistant, student Rev. Ferdinand Berghoefer. During these years the following congregations made up the Kulm Parish: Gnadenfeld, St. John's, Hoffnungsfeld, Postthal, Friedensfeld, New Beresina, Wirsch's and First Church of Kulm. Under Rev. Vogel, the following congregations built churches: Friedensfeld, Hoffnungsfeld, Postthal, and New Beresina. In 1912 the Kulm Parish was host to the General Conference. Under Rev. H. Nuetzmann many members died because of influenza. The spiritual life of the church was fortified and revival fires broke out. Once again Kulm had the privilege of being the host church for the General Conference. This was said to have been the largest General German Conference in the history of this denomination. In 1924, after the resignation of Rev. Neutzmann, 4 churches left the Kulm Parish. These churches were: Hoffnungsfeld, Friedensfeld, St. John's and Friedens. That left 4 churches in the Kulm

parish. Two other churches left the parish, Postthal members dispersed, joining Trinity Congregation at Jud and some with the Kulm parish. New-Beresina came into the city to join the local church. Several years ago the last congregation, Gnadenfeld, disbanded and joined the local Congregation. Thus, what once was a parish of 8 churches, now has amalgamated to the present First Congregational Church. Sunday, October 27, 1946, the congregation celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, at which time drives were started to raise funds toward a new church. Ground breaking ceremonies were held June 1950 and work on the new structure ensued. On September 24, 1950 cornerstone laying services were conducted by their able pastor Rev. C. Roemmich. Though, the congregation was left without a Pastor in October 1950 work on the new edifice continued and the sanctuary was ready for dedication, when Rev. Martin accepted the call to become Pastor of this church on July 1, 1951. The church today consists of some 150 families, about 350 members, 100 of whom have joined since the building of the new church edifice. A mid-week Bible study and prayer service was introduced by the Pastor. Several spiritual awakening services have fostered the inner life of the flock. The church has an active youth program which consists of a C.E.Y.F., a Young People's Society, a fine Sunday School, Junior Chorus and Young People Choir. It has a Senior, Mixed Choir and Ladies Chorus. There are also two Ladies Organizations, The Ladies Aid and Dorcas Society. The Sunday Evening Services is still intact. Officers of the church at the present time are: Pastor, Rev. Martin; Sunday School Supt., Mr. George Gackle.

- Community History: *Kulm, ND – Centennial 1892-1992*, p.125-126. The beginning of the First Congregational Church of Kulm, ND, goes back to the year 1893. Services were held in the homes of George Gackle Sr. and John Gross, until the erection of the first church building in 1897. Within a few years, this building proved to be much too small. Under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. M. Trieber, they made plans for a larger church, completing it in 1905. The Kulm church was the main church with seven satellites: Gnadenfeld, St. John's, Hoffnungsfeld, Postal, Friedensfeld, New Beresina, and Wirch's. Each of these had their own churches out in the county. With the passing of time, four of these churches left the Kulm Parish. Eventually, two more dissolved and the remaining two joined the Kulm church. From the beginning, this church has been served by the following ministers: P. Burkhardt, M. Trieber, A. Vogal, E. Wagner, J. Ament, H. Nuetzmann, C.A. Lippenberger, H. Wuerth, P. Ruder, E. Moos, E. Ketterling, Carl Roemmich, C. Martin, F. Heydel, J. Roth, and presently, J. Van Curler. In Rev. Nuetzmann's time here, the Kulm Parish was privileged to host the General Conference, which was a great undertaking for a small church and community. The Conference was held here other years including 1990. In 1946, the congregation celebrated its 50th Anniversary, and at this time, decided it was time for a new building under the supervision of Pastor Carl Roemmich. A fund drive was started and, by 1950, a groundbreaking ceremony was held in June, and work was started. On September 24, 1950, cornerstone services were conducted by Pastor Roemmich, who soon thereafter resigned. Pastor Christian Martin accepted a call and arrived on July 1, 1951. He arranged for the dedication of our newly built church on August 5, 1951. While here, Pastor Martin instituted Wednesday night Bible Study and prayer time. We also began sharing him with the Fredonia Nazareth Church. Pastor Martin resigned in 1963, followed by Pastor F. Heydel and family, who arrived in the spring of 1963. In 1972, the Merricourt church joined us. Since the 1967 history book, the Ladies Aid members have disbanded, most of them having passed on or moved away. The Dorcas Society is still functioning with 45 members, meeting the third Thursday of the month. Our first president, Mathilda Brost, is living in a nursing home. She celebrated her 100th birthday November 16, 1989. While here, Pastor Heydel organized a Mission Board and set up a Mission Program that is still functioning. For the young people, a Boys and Girls Fellowship was organized, and a library was started for their benefit, and for adults as well. After 16 years of faithful service here, Pastor Heydel decided to retire. He and his family left in April 1979 and moved to Yakima, WA. In September of 1979, Pastor J. Roth came to serve us. During his time here, a class of college students and other young people of the community started a Sunday School class to bridge the gap between the high school kids and the elders. It was a great addition as it brought in a lively group of young Christians. Pastor Roth left us in October 1982. He was replaced by Pastor J. Van Curler, who came in June, 1983, and is still with us. He is carrying on with all the other activities of the church. Under his leadership, the music department has grown. We now have a senior and a young adults choir, a ladies chorus, a senior men's quartet, a young men's quartet, several duos, trios, children's choir, instrumentals, and a newly-organized band and several organists and pianists. We are obliged to Pastor Van Curler for a new approach to Easter by celebrating Maundy Thursday with a dinner and Holy Communion. There are about 200 members, plus children, at the present time.

46. Kulm – Glad Tidings Mission

- See Gospel Tabernacle (Swede Twp)

47. Kulm – Pomona Valley Lutheran Church

- Location: N end of Kulm
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – 1892-1957*, p.22-23. The Pomona Valley Lutheran Church was organized in 1888 by the following people who were also charter members: Jacob Longsjon, L.A. Ueland, Sigvart Berntson, John Broen, Lars and Carl Nordby, Ole Holman, Berrvind Wagnhild, Ludwig B. Larson, Andrew Lindblom, Andrew Larson, Gustav Thorson, J.A. Edstrom, Gustav Nyland, Jonas Johnson and John Groetin. The first annual business meeting was held in 1889 when the following officers were elected: President, Jacob Longsjon; Secretary, Sigvart Berntson; Treasurer, Gustav Thorson. First trustees elected were: Carl Nordby, Gustav Nyland and Andrew Lindbloom. There was no permanent minister to serve the congregation until 1893, when Rev. L. Herburg served one year for \$50.00, giving seven services. From then on the following have served: Rev. Moe, 1894-1901; Rev. K.L. Kleavland, 1901-1908; Rev. H. Moe, 1908-1921; Rev. O.K. Torgeson, 1921-1924; Rev. Eggen, 1924-1925; Rev. Garstad, 1925-1926; Rev. Morsund, 1926-1928; Rev. C.J. Nolstad, 1928-1941; Rev. Gustav Gunsten, 1941-1947; Rev. J.O. Vold, 1947-1956. In 1894 the congregation joined the same charge as Oakes and it was in effect until 1928, when the congregation joined with LaMoure, St. Ansgar and Berlin. This continued until 1933, then Kulm, and Berlin were alone until 1941, when the two congregations joined in with Montpelier and Ypsilanti. The Pomona Valley Ladies Aid was organized in 1901 by Rev. K.L. Kleaveland. The first officers were: President, Mrs. M.C. Larson; Secretary, Miss Laura C. Larson; Treasurer, Mary Steen. The Sunday School was organized the same year with L.H. Steen and Miss Laura C. Larson as teachers. In 1935 the Sunday school was reorganized with Mrs. Ole Johnson as Superintendent. Jacob Longsjon served as President, Treasurer, and trustee from 1888 until 1922 when he passed away. Sigvart Berntson served as President or Secretary for 14 years to the time of his death. L.H. Steen served as Treasurer from 1900 to 1916 and then as President from 1922 to 1944, except in 1925. On March 12, 1913 the Pomona Valley Lutheran Church was incorporated under laws of the State of North Dakota. First services were held in a school house in Pomona View and Norden Twp., then the German Lutheran church was rented in 1934, when the lease terminated. This proved a blessing in disguise. The congregation had their own church building. The Ladies Aid having saved enough money to buy the building and the furnishings. In September of 1938 the 50th Anniversary was celebrated with the cornerstone laying and dedication. Pomona Valley Lutheran Congregation was the first organized church in the Kulm vicinity. It was served by faithful pastors to devoted members. Nothing can excel the devotion and religious spirit of the founders.
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – Centennial 1892-1992*, p.126. Sunday, June 25, 1989, the 100th anniversary of the oldest congregation in Kulm was celebrated. Nearly half of the living members of former Pomona Valley Lutheran Congregation attended the Centennial Celebration. The Zion Lutheran Church, formerly a German speaking congregation, sponsored this recognition of the religious efforts of a few Norwegian pioneers before the town of Kulm was established. Pomona Valley Lutheran Congregation was organized in 1888, according to the minutes of the January, 1889 annual church meeting. This was the year that Bernt Larson (Mabel Steen Usina's grandfather and Lester Brentson's grandfather) immigrated from the Elstad farm near Eidsvold, Norway. Bernt's older sons, Sigvart Larson Berntson and Ludvig Larson came to the Kulm area in 1886. Ludvig donated a portion of his land on the north side of Kulm in 1893 for the Pomona Valley Lutheran Cemetery when his sister, Dina Larson, died in January from the flu. The other cemetery which is east of Fredonia (Holman) was established in the fall of the same year when Lars O. Nordby gave a piece of his land south of Ole Anderson Holman's farm. Julie Johannesen, the little daughter of Jonas, died in September. Pomona Valley Lutheran Congregation was unique because of its strong lay leadership. The pioneers organized their own congregation and then contacted several pastors to conduct worship services, Sunday School, and Confirmation classes during the mild weather. Their first regular pastor, Rev. Hector Moe, conducted services once a month because the pastor lived in Oakes (60 miles southeast). They were part of a multiple congregation parish; the other congregations were: Oakes, Nordland, and Rutland. Pomona Valley was a congregation without a church building of its own for most of its history (47 years). The worship Services were held in homes and also in school houses. The Pomona View Township West school house (Martinson School) and the Norden (Norway) Twp. School house,

north of Kulm were used for several years. The German (Missouri) Lutheran Church in Kulm was rented for worship services from 1908 until the fall of 1934. A church building, southwest of Fredonia (Danzig) was purchased in 1935, lots were purchased at the north end of Main Street in Kulm, and the old Baptist church building was moved to Kulm. The church was dedicated during the 50th Anniversary Celebration, in 1938. The congregation was part of the LaMoure Parish at this time (34 miles east of Kulm). The Pomona Valley Lutheran Congregation was becoming an older group of people, only one child was in Sunday School., Ole and Esther Johnson's daughter, Evelyn. Pastor J.O. Vold served the congregation from the Montpelier, Ypsilanti Parish (50 miles northeast of Kulm). Pastor Vold died in 1956 and the continuation of the Pomona Valley Lutheran Congregation was evaluated by the membership and by the District President. Zion Lutheran Congregation in Kulm was affiliated with the American Lutheran Synod. Pomona Valley Lutheran Congregation was affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and these two synods were soon to be merged at the national level. Two Evangelical Lutheran congregations were being established in Edgeley and Ellendale at the same time, so the members who lived near Kulm joined Zion Lutheran Church in Kulm and those living near Edgeley joined Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Edgeley.

48. Kulm – Protestant Community Church

- See Kulm – Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA)

49. Kulm – Reformed Church

- Location: Town of Kulm
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Reformed Church \[4112\]](#)
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – 1892-1957*, p.13. The Reformed church building has an interesting history. It was the first school house from 1893 to 1899. The church was organized in June 1897 and incorporated in July 1902. Services were first held in the homes. Pastor of this congregation was Rev. Stienecker who lived in Ashley and drove to Kulm with horse and buggy. He was followed by Landsiedel, Sheidt, Zepf, Wittenborg, Depping and Bodeman. The members have since disbanded and the building was purchased by the American Legion and serves as their Legion Hall.

50. Kulm – Saint Paul Lutheran Church

- Location: 213 1st Ave. SW
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Saint Paul Lutheran Church-1 \[4025\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Saint Paul Lutheran Church-2 \[4109\]](#)
- Congregation disbanded with its final worship service on Sunday, 26 July, 2009.
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – 1892-1957*, p.21-22. In the year 1892 Pastor Bode, living in Albion Township, Dickey County, member of the Missouri Synod, came to Kulm several times and held services with several Lutheran Families. In January 1893 this congregation was founded and organized. The first regular services were held upstairs in the Gottlieb Lange store. Later they were held in the school house. Due to the long distance for Pastor Bode to travel and because of his many other stations, Edgeley began to serve this congregation. From 1894 to 1905, St. Paul's Church was served by pastors from Edgeley. In August 1905 Candidate Klausler accepted the call to this church to become its first resident pastor. In 1909 this congregation officially joined the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. From 1908 to 1927 this congregation was served by Candidates Sibern, Schmook, W. Pebler, H. Willuweit, T. Klatt and A. Horn. Pastor H. von Gemmingen of Medford, Wis. Accepted the call to the church in 1927 and served for 16 years. Pastor Henry Kuring served as pastor from 1944 until 1950. In 1951 Candidate Elmer A. Schomberg was ordained and served the congregation as pastor until November of 1955. Pastor Spoomer of Edgeley is now serving the church. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church has been moved from its original site, which was north of the school house. It is now located beside the parsonage in the southwest part of Kulm. It has been completely remodeled and redecorated. Charter members of the St. Paul's Church were Mr. And Mrs. Ludwig Schuldheisz, Mr. And Mrs. Gottlieb Lange, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Stehr, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staeck, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Schulz and Mr. and Mrs. Christ Heck. For the education of the young people, the church offers a Sunday School and Saturday School. Junior confirmation instruction is conducted for two years. A two week vacation Bible School is also held. For additional Bible study and fellowship a Ladies Aid has been organized which also plans and executes

certain activities carried on by the church. The church is privileged to have two of its former members in the Lutheran ministry. They are Benjamin and Allen Schuldheisz, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schuldheisz of Kulm. Larrie Schulz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Schulz is attending ministerial school in preparation for the Lutheran ministry. St. Paul's Lutheran Church observed its 60th anniversary in 1953.

- Church History: *St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church – 1893-1968 – Diamond Anniversary*. The history of St. Paul's Lutheran Congregation ;has its beginning in 1892, when Rev. C.E. Bode came from Albion Township, Dickey County, to hold services with a small group of worshipers. The following year in January, the congregation was organized and called St. Paul's Lutheran Church. At first, services were conducted in a store building belonging to a member of the congregation, Gottlieb Lange. Later, worship services were held in the public school house, often a meeting place for early congregations. Charter members of St. Paul's Church were Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Schuldheisz, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Lange, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Stehr, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Staeck, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Schulz, and Mr. and Mrs. Christ Heck. The first recorded baptism was that of Maria Hildebrand, daughter of Friedrich Hildebrand and Louisa, nee Radke. In 1894 Rev. W.H. Roerig from Edgeley served St. Paul's until 1896, when Rev. J.H. Kleven from Marion began serving. He was followed by Rev. H.E. Vomhof of Edgeley who was pastor from 1901 to 1905. In August of that year Rev. J.P. Klausler came from the Seminary to become St. Paul's first resident pastor. Napoleon was included in his parish. In 1909, the congregation officially joined the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. From 1908 to 1927, St. Paul's was served by the following men: Rev. Henry Siebern, Rev. W. Schmook, Rev. W. Pebler, Rev. Henry Willuweit, Rev. T. Klatt and Rev. Amandus Horn. Rev. H. Von Gemmingen from Medford, Wisconsin, accepted the call to serve Kulm and Monango in 1927. He served intermittently at King, Fredonia, Merricourt, and Lehr also during this time. He organized an active Ladies Aid Society in 1930. Succeeding Rev. von Gemmingen was Rev. Henry Kuring of Beach Corner, Alberta, Canada, who ministered faithfully to this congregation from 1944 to 1950. Candidate Elmer A. Schomberg accepted the call to St. Paul's and was ordained July 15, 1951. During his pastorate the church celebrated its sixtieth anniversary. A basement was constructed and the church, which had been built in 1897, was then moved from its location just north of the high school to the present site. A new altar, a lectern, and a pulpit were built to edify the house of worship. Rev. Schomberg is presently serving in Caledonia, Michigan. Rev. Norman F. Spomer, who accepted a call to Edgeley in 1953, began serving at Kulm in 1955. His ten years of ministry at St. Paul's was a challenge to grow in Christ and to further His work. He is presently pastor at Park Falls, Wisconsin. Rev. Arnold L. Lueker, whose former parish was Trinity Lutheran, Upham, N.D., was installed at Edgeley Zion in 1966 and is the present pastor of St. Paul's congregation. He has given 24 years of faithful and inspired service to the state of North Dakota. The Word is indeed kept! In 1913 St. Paul's celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary when Rev. C.E. Bode and Rev. Walter Friedrich preached. Twenty years late, in 1933, the Fortieth Anniversary was observed with Rev. Walter Cordts, who later became District President, giving the morning sermon; Rev. Benjamin Schuldheisz, the afternoon sermon; & his brother Rev. Allen Schuldheisz, the evening address. The Schuldheisz brothers are sons of Dan Schuldheisz and the late Ida Schuldheisz, life-long members of St. Paul's. The same three ministers were speakers also at the Sixtieth Anniversary held August 9, 1953. God, through His infinite grace, is again permitting us to observe an anniversary, this time marking the seventy-fifth year of worship and fellowship with the Lord.
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – Centennial 1892-1992*, p.127-128. The history of St. Paul's Lutheran Church has its beginning in 1892, when Rev. C.E. Bode came from Albion Twp., Dickey County, to hold services with several Lutheran families. In January 1893, the congregation was organized and names St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. At first, services were held upstairs in the store building belonging to a member of the congregation, Gottlieb Lange. Later, services were held in the school often a meeting place for early congregations. Charter members of St. Paul's were: Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Schuldheisz, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Lange, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Stehr, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staeck, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Schulz, and Mr. and Mrs. Christ Heck. In the year of 1897, St. Paul's built a church north across the street from the high school, on the corner where Kulm Tastee-Freez is now located. It was dedicated that same year on October 24. The German language was used entirely. Later, German and English were used. Since 1951, English alone has been used. Because of the distance for Pastor Bode, and because of his many other stations, Edgeley began to serve this congregation. From 1894 to 1905, St. Paul's was served by the following Edgeley pastors: W.H. Roering; J.H. Kleven; and H.E. Vomhof. In August 1905, Rev.

J.P. Klausler became the first resident pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Napoleon was included in this parish. At this time, a house west of the church was bought for a parsonage. It was later sold, and a parsonage was bought on the same street as the church, in the next street south of the high school. In 1909, this congregation officially joined the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. From 1908 to 1927, St. Paul's was served by the following men: Rev. Henry Siebern; Rev. W. Schmook; Rev. W. Pebler; Rev. Henry Willuweit; Rev. T. Klatt; and Rev. Amandus Horn. Rev. H. von Gemmingen from Medford, WI, accepted the call in 1927 to serve Kulm and Monango. He also served intermittently at King, Fredonia, Merricourt, and Lehr, during this time. He organized an active Ladies Aid Society in 1930. He served the congregation for 16 years. Succeeding Rev. von Gemmingen was Rev. Henry Kuring of Beach Corner, Alberta, Canada, who ministered faithfully from 1944 to 1950. In 1951, Candidate Elmer Schomberg was called. He was ordained July 15, 1951, and served the church until November 1955. During his pastorate, the church building was moved from the original site, to the south, on that street and placed on the south side of the parsonage. The building was placed on a basement and completely remodeled and redecorated. A new altar, a lectern, and a pulpit were built to edify the house of worship. The next pastors to serve were: Rev. Norman F. Spomer of Zion Lutheran, Edgeley, 1955-1966; Rev. Arnold L. Lueker of Zion, Edgeley, 1966-1973. In 1975, a Dual Parish was aligned between St. Paul Lutheran, Kulm, and St. Paul Lutheran, Monango, with the parsonage at Monango. This Dual Parish is still existing at the present time. Pastors and vicars having served this parish are: Rev. Theodore Voll, 1975-1979; Vicar Larry Jost, 1980-1981; Rev. William P. Hegg, December 1981-January 1982; Rev. Larry G. Seiferth, 1983-1984. Serving as interim pastors were Rev. Luther Koehler of Trinity Lutheran, LaMoure, and Rev. Paul Bunkowski of Zion Lutheran, Edgeley. In July, 1985, Rev. Stephen Juergensen came and is presently ministering faithfully to this Dual Parish, Kulm and Monango. An integral part of St. Paul's services is the training of the young. This includes Sunday School for beginners through junior high. Confirmation instruction is conducted by the Pastor for grades six, seven and eight, over a three-year period. Vacation Bible School is held following the end of the school year. In 1987, the Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) was organized for Sunday School children and teenagers through high school. They meet once a month to discuss pertinent christian topics, view films, and have fellowship. Directors are Sally Brovold and Colleen and Randeem Klusmann. St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool was organized in the fall of 1988 for preschool children of any denomination. Mary Bothwell, teacher, holds sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon during the regular school year. This is held in St. Paul's church basement. Other organizations of the church are the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML); Lutheran Young Adult Fellowship (LYAF); Adult Bible Study; and the church choir, under the direction of Kathryn Nill, church organist. A Dual Parish Newsletter is published once a month and sent out to each family, keeping the members informed of the activities of the congregations. Edna Okerlund is the editor for the part pertaining to St. Paul's, Kulm. The motto of St. Paul's, Kulm and Monango, is "WHERE CHRIST IS ALL, IN ALL, AND FOR ALL". June 2, 1918, St. Paul's, Kulm, celebrated its 25th Anniversary. In the spring of 1933, the 40th Anniversary was observed by the congregation. August 9, 1953, the 60th Anniversary was observed, and September 29, 1968, the 75th was celebrated. St. Paul's, Kulm, was privileged to have two former members, serving in the Lutheran ministry, Rev. Benjamin Schuldheisz and Rev. Allen Schuldheisz, as celebration day speakers, at both the 60th and 75th anniversaries. They are the sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Schuldheisz of Kulm, life-long members of St. Paul's, Kulm. Rev. Benjamin is now deceased. Rev. Allen lives in Kalispell, MT. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kulm, by the Grace of God, will be celebrating its Centennial in 1993.

- Church History: *St. Paul's Lutheran Church – 1893-1993 Centennial – Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, and Today, and Forever.* As early as the spring of 1890, the nucleus of St. Paul's Church was formed when a small group of neighbors began holding services at the home of Christian Stehr. In the year 1892, Pastor Bode of Albion Township in Dickey County came to Kulm to conduct services with these families. Pastor Bode was a member of the Missouri Synod and pastored the small group until 1894. In January of 1893, St. Paul's was organized as a congregation, with regular services being held upstairs at the Gottlieb Lange store. Later they moved their assemblage to the local schoolhouse. Since Pastor Bode had many other stations to serve, Edgeley agreed to send their pastor to St. Paul's. Thus Rev. W.H. Roerig of Edgeley served from 1894 to 1896 as vacancy pastor. The salary at that time was recorded as \$400 a year. Rev. J.J. Klevenow of Marion then became pastor from 1896 to 1901. During this time, in 1897, the first church building was erected on the corner north of what is now the high school. (The Tastee Freez is presently located there). The land was donated by Jim Sharpe and Tony Bjornson. The 20' x 40' building was

\$1500. It is recorded as having "seven windows, one door, a steeple, and a bell; the furniture being a pulpit, a small organ, factory-made chairs, an old style long wood-burning stove, and carpet around the pulpit." Land for the cemetery two-and-one-half miles southeast of Kulm was donated by Johann and Anna (Stehr) Schuldheisz, children of charter members, the Ludwig Schuldheiszes and Christian Stehrs. The listing of charter members of St. Paul's was as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Christ Heck, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Lange, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Schuldheisz, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Schulz, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staeck, and Mr. and Mrs. Christian Stehr. The first choir at St. Paul's in 1897 had the following members: Fred Staeck, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Lange, Mr. and Mrs. Zeeland, Balthasser Walker, Peter Gramita, John Stehr, and Emma Stehr. Rev. H.E. Vomhof became pastor in 1901 and remained until 1905. In August, 1905, Candidate J.P. Klausler accepted the call as St. Paul's first resident pastor and served until 1908. The congregation officially joined the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, in 1909. From 1908 to 1927 the church was served by candidates Rev. Henry Siebern, Rev. W. Schmook, Rev. W. Pebler, Rev. Henry Willuweit, Rev. T. Klatt, and Rev. Amandus Horn. In 1927 Pastor H. Von Gemmingen of Medford, Wisconsin, accepted the call to Kulm and Monango and served for sixteen years. He organized an active Ladies Aid Society in 1930. He also provided some English services along with the German which had been used previously. In 1943, when he left, vacancy pastors Rev. M.S. Haerther of Edgeley pastored until Rev. Henry Kuring accepted the call in 1944. He came to Kulm from Beach Corner, Alberta, Canada, and remained until 1950. That year, according to the records, a subsidy was requested from the Synod. A district representative suggested English services be a priority in order for this money to be granted. He felt that this would increase membership. Mission funding and English services did become a reality within the next year. Rev. F.E. Brauer from Monango served as vacancy pastor after Rev. Kuring's departure until Rev. Elmer Schomberg's arrival in 1951. Rev. E.A. Zapf from Edgeley also assisted. Candidate Elmer Schomberg was ordained in July, 1951, and was pastor of St. Paul's until November, 1955. St. Paul's began using English in its services as a general practice when Rev. Schomberg arrived. The constitution was then translated from German to English. During his pastorate the church celebrated its sixtieth anniversary. The church, which had been built in 1897, was moved from its location north of the high school to its present site, two blocks south. In addition to a full basement, an office study, an altar given by Pastor Schomberg in honor of his father, and a lectern and pulpit donated by Dell and Nettie Palm, were all added to edify the house of worship. The church was rededicated on Sunday, October 23, 1955. Monthly communion was instituted in 1954. Previously it was offered quarterly. Pastor Schomberg started a Saturday School for those who also attended Sunday School. Enrollment was twelve to fifteen students during the years 1953-1955. Rev. N.F. Spomer, who came to Edgeley Zion Lutheran in 1953, began serving Kulm in 1955, after Rev. Schomberg accepted a call to Lander, Wyoming. Rev. Spomer gave St. Paul's ten years of faithful Christian service. He accepted a call to Park Falls, Wisconsin, in 1966. He is now retired and living in Egan, Minnesota. Rev. Quintin Quade of Lehr-Napoleon filled the vacancy for one year, until October of 1966. Rev. Arnold Lueker, who was installed at Edgeley Zion in 1966 became pastor at St. Paul's in October of that same year. During his seven years of service, the church continued its spiritual growth and adhered to the Scriptures. In October, 1973, he accepted a call to Cavalier, North Dakota. The church appreciated the willingness of area pastors to fill vacancies that occurred during the following two decades. Pastor Luther Koehler of LaMoure was vacancy pastor from 1972 to 1975, from 1978 to 1980 and again in 1982. This selfless giving of time and talent was a great encouragement to a congregation in need. He was aided by the following vicars from Monango: Victor Meyr (1972-1973), Maynard Spitzack (1973-1974), and Sam Christensen (1974-1975). In 1975 a dual parish was aligned between St. Paul's Lutheran of Kulm and St. Paul's Lutheran of Monango, with Rev. Theo Voll as pastor and faithful shepherd. After four years of dedicated service, he accepted a call to St. John's Lutheran Church and School in Ionia, Michigan. Rev. Koehler again filled the vacancy for two years, followed by Vicar Larry Jost in 1980-1981; Rev. Wm. Hegg, December 1981 to January 1982; Pastor Koehler, 1982; and Rev. Larry Selferth, 1983-1984. Rev. Paul Bunkowski of Edgeley Zion willingly gave St. Paul's of his time and talents as vacancy pastor for 1984-1985. Pastor Stephen Juergensen accepted the call to the Dual Parish and gave his willing and distinguished service to both congregations for the next five years from 1985-1990. During his pastorate, St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool was organized for preschool children of any denomination. When Pastor Juergensen accepted a call to Bethel Lutheran in Bismarck, Rev. John Hill of Forbes graciously and capably filled the vacancy until the present pastor, Rev. Kevin Ader, was ordained in 1991. He is serving the Dual Parish with honor and glory to God. A Dual Parish Newsletter is published once a month and sent to members to relay information and to give spiritual nourishment through Scriptural messages from Pastor

Ader. Edna Okerlund assists him in Kulm. The motto of St. Paul's Dual Parish is "Where Christ is All, in All, and For All."

51. Kulm – Seventh-Day Adventist Church

- Location: Identified with Kulm, but 11 miles S and 1 mile W of Kulm; Dickey County, ND, German Township, NW ¼ of NE ¼ **Sec 29-T132-R66**
- See Seventh-Day Adventist – Church of God (Dickey County, ND)
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Seventh-Day Adventist Church \[4110\]](#)
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – 1882-1957*, p.23-24. In the late '80's a group of believers, living about twenty miles south of Kulm, commenced to keep the seventh day Sabbath as a day of rest and worship and they went by the Bible designation of "The Church of God". There were about twelve or fourteen families in this Way at one time, and originally they came together in different homes for fellowship and worship. Later they had a church building of their own to meet in for a while. As the years went by, some of the old settlers died, some moved away, and some made other changes until there were only a few left. In more recent years a few new ones have been added to the group, some of whom moved into town, and a church building was erected in Kulm in the summer of 1941, and dedicated in November of that year. Elder Christ Kiesz of Eureka, South Dakota has consistently looked after the spiritual welfare of this assembly for many years. Others that have assisted from time to time were Elder Ivan Harlan and Elder Harvey Otto. At the present time Elder John Kiesz of Alfred is also ministering here. "The Church of God" came through a line of Sabbath-keepers, dating back to pre-Protestant Reformation days in Europe. At the time of the Puritan migration to America, some of these people settled in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and New Jersey between the years of 1664 and 1800. Many drifted West and South after the Revolution, and a formal organization of these scattered churches was effected in Michigan in 1865. This church is one of the few in America with more members abroad than at home. The total foreign membership is estimated at 45,000, with eighty foreign workers, not including Canada and Mexico. In Mexico City alone there are about 3,000 members, and about 130 churches scattered throughout the Republic. National headquarters are located at 1510 Cook Street in Denver, Colorado; and the publishing house is at Stanberry, Missouri. The official church organ is the *Bible Advocate*, now in its 90th year. Fundamentalist doctrines and practices prevail here. The church believes in the infallibility of the Scriptures, the fall of man through sin, complete atonement and redemption for sin through the shed blood of the Messiah on the cross, Jesus in the tomb, after His death, for three full days and three full nights, repentance and conversion for forgiveness of sins, water baptism, holiness, the Lord's Supper annually, observance of the Moral Law, the return of the Jews to Palestine in the last days in fulfillment of prophecy, the literal coming of Jesus a second time to establish the millennial reign with the saints on the earth, the resurrection of the dead, and the annihilation of the wicked after the final judgment.
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – Centennial 1892-1992*, p.129. The Kulm SDA Church was organized December 15, 1908. Services were held in the homes of members until a church building was erected in German Twp., three miles northwest of the present location. The first baptism was held at Coldwater Lake on June 7, 1908. Some of the earliest pastors were C.J. Kunkel, D.D. Jurtz, J.J. Reiswig, John Seibold, Frederick Schwindt, and E.H. Oswald. By 1926, membership had grown and a larger church was needed. On May 13, 1926, two acres of land was purchased from Mike Hilcher. The present structure was built on these premises, 11 miles south and one mile west of Kulm. Mike Miller was then head elder. By 1932, membership had grown to 166. The Kulm church now had the distinction of having the largest membership in the North Dakota Conference. The German language was used in the worship services until January 1, 1939, when the transition was made to English. A German Sabbath School class continued until 1972. The Golden Jubilee was celebrated July 3-6, 1958. Elder Theo Fischer was pastor at this time. On July 3-5, 1980, the church celebrated a Homecoming. Honored guests were 18 former members who were then in denominational work. Many more have since joined this rank. The 75th Anniversary was celebrated July 6-7, 1984. Elder John Bahr was pastor at that time. Steve Wohlberg is the present pastor of the church. The Kulm SDA church is the only country church still holding services in the Kulm community. Some former elders have been: Mike Miller, John Brost, Reinhold Widmer, Grant Montaney, Herbert Reinke, Adam Kungel, Ron Dodds. Present elders are Lenhardt Kungel, Ron Lange, and Bruce Reinke.

52. Kulm – United Methodist Church

- Location: 201 Main Ave S
- See Kulm – Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – Centennial 1892-1992*, p.131-132. The work of the Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church in the Kulm community began around 1889. Kulm was one of the many preaching appointments of the Ashley Mission, which Reverend H. Loewen served. The Kulm Mission, as a separate church, was listed by the Committee on Boundaries of the Conference Session of 1894 of the Evangelical Church. Rev. Ira E. Herzberg was the first minister assigned to the Kulm Mission and he served from 1894 to 1895. When he left, the membership had increased greatly to 89 members in this area. From 1895 to 1896, Rev. George Hoff served the field. In 1896, the Rev. R.E. Strutz came and served until 1900. While Rev. Strutz was here, the membership rose to 168. In 1900, Rev. F.H. Brockmueller was assigned to the Kulm and Ashley Mission. His assistant was Rev. R. Bloedau from 1900 to 1903, when Rev. G.C. Thiele became his assistant. In 1902, by act of the Conference, the name of the Kulm Mission was changed to the Lehr Mission; but Kulm remained an important outpost of the Mission. In 1904, Rev. C.E. Oeder became pastor of the Mission and served until 1906. In 1906, by order of the Conference, Kulm, Zoar and vicinity became the Kulm Mission, and for the first time, Kulm received a resident pastor. The Rev. G.C. Thiele was stationed here. A church owned by the Baptist people was for sale and, on March 22, 1906, the annual church meeting authorized the purchase of this building. It was remodeled and enlarged and was dedicated in the fall of 1907 by Bishop Breyfogel. Rev. G.C. Thiele served from 1906 to 1912. The following pastors came and each served for one year: Rev. G. Heur, 1912; Rev. H. Nuetzman, 1913; Rev. A. Oertle, 1914; Rev. R. Tamen, 1915; and Rev. A. Rux, 1916. From 1917 to 1919, the church was served by the Rev. O.W. Ferk. When he left in 1919, the church was left to be supplied. During 1919 to 1921, a former pastor, Rev. G.C. Thiele, who now lived on a farm near Great Bend, served as the pastor as much as possible. In 1921, Rev. G. Duebendorf, from the Minnesota Conference, served for one year. In 1922, the Charge was without a pastor. Rev. A. Gehring was assigned to the field in 1923 and served until 1930. This was a time of great spiritual growth for our church. In 1930, Rev. F.W. Agte came for one year. Rev. O. Felberg came in 1931 and stayed until 1936. During these years, much work was done on the church and parsonage, even if those were the depression years. Rev. Felberg also had a very effective evangelistic ministry here. In 1936, Rev. Otto Gehring came to preach in his home town. He was the son of a former pastor, Rev. A. Gehring. Rev. Otto Gehring served here until 1939. In 1939, Rev. J.J. Schroeder came and served one year. Rev. C.E. Bach was pastor from 1940 to 1945, and from 1945 to 1948 Rev. J.M. Burkhard served as pastor. In 1948, Leo H. Buechler, a student at the Ellendale State Normal and Industrial College was assigned to Kulm. This was the first student pastor our church ever had. At this time, a great change was made when all preaching services were in English. With this change, attendance grew in worship, Sunday School and other areas. With this growth, our church needed additional space for worship and educational facilities. An addition was added on the West, giving the church a new chancel and several Sunday School rooms. This new addition was dedicated in the fall of 1949. Rev. Buechler started a choir which he so valiantly directed and new choir robes were purchased for 20 choir members. Rev. Reuben Gums served one year in 1952-53. When he left, he went to serve as a missionary working on audio visual aids in the Philippines. Rev. Clarence Knoepfle served from 1953 to 1961. During this time, the church was again enlarged. An addition to the East provided a new tower, nursery, cloak room, and two Sunday School rooms. This addition was dedicated on September 4, 1955. Rev. Knoepfle was a very dedicated and godly man and we were all sorry when the Conference moved him. Ramola, his wife, also was a great asset to the church and was especially missed in the music department when they moved. Rev. Eugene J. Berreth served the church from 1961 to 1962. It was then that Rev. Mel Johnson was the evangelist for Community Wide Services, and Rev. Johnson was a parsonage guest of the Berreths during his meetings here. Rev. Vernon Hass served Kulm from 1962 to 1964. In March of 1963, new church furnishings were dedicated; they consisted of new pews, pulpit and organ. Rev. Luke Miller served Kulm from 1964 to 1965. From September 1965 to June 1966, Rev. Wendell Janetzke was the supply pastor, serving the church out of Wishek, ND. From 1966 to 1969, Dennis Boe served Kulm while he took credits at the Ellendale Center-University of North Dakota. In 1968, the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist churches approved a merger. The name of the church was changed from Zion Evangelical United Brethren to Zion United Methodist Church. In 1969, the church became the Kulm-Jud charge. Rev. Grant Piehl served here from 1969 to 1973. Under his guidance, the young people really became involved in the church. Rev. Piehl is especially remembered for his work with the young people of the

church and the community. **Rev. Delos Wesbrook** served our church from Edgeley during the summer of 1973. **Rev. Patrick Dkyes** began serving our church in August of 1973, when he and his wife, Sona, moved here. They were citizens from India and became United States Citizens while they served here. Patrick and Sona were both killed instantly in a tragic car-truck accident in Minnesota while on vacation on August 21, 1978. Following this accident, **Rev. Phil Lint** served the church from Edgeley, ND, until June 1979. In 1979-80, **Rev. Donald Goold** served the church and decided to retire because of failing health. From June 1980 to 1985, the Reverends Clifford and Evelyn Nielson were our pastors. The plural of Reverend was not a mistake: Mrs. Nielson was a pastor in her own right. We were happy to have them and their many fine talents. While serving here, the Nielsons celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a celebration planned by the Kulm and Jud churches. In June of 1985, Pastor Nielson felt it was time for him to retire. God blessed them for all their kindness, efforts and extending their love. **Pastor Rick Fossum** moved into the parsonage in June 1985 and served here until 1987. He was no stranger to North Dakota; he was originally from Hillsboro, ND. We were blessed by Rev. Fossum's ministry. **Pastor Bruce Adams** came to Kulm in June 1987. At present, he is also serving the Kulm and Jud Parish. We have been very happy and blessed to have them, and their many fine talents. At present, we have 65 members. We have no charter members. Organizations which presently function in the life of the church are: The United Methodist Women, The United Methodist Men, The Sunday School, Boys and Girls Fellowship, and the Choir. We pray that God will bless us, as in days long ago, that as a church united we may ever forward go.

53. Kulm – Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church

- See Kulm – United Methodist Church
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Evangelical United Brethren Church \[4139\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Zion United Methodist Church \[4122\]](#)
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – 1892-1957*, p.16-17. The work of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in the community was begun approximately in 1889. Kulm was one of the many preaching appointments of the Ashley Mission which Rev. Loewen served. Succeeding ministers who served while Kulm was still on the mission status were: A.F. Herzberg, G. Hoff, R.E. Strutz, F.H. Brockmueller and C.E. Oeder. In 1906 an important transaction was made by the Dakota Conference. The church in Kulm received its first resident pastor in the person of Rev. G.C. Thiele. In the same year a building was purchased from the Baptist congregation. In the fall of 1907 it was dedicated after being remodeled and enlarged. The first officers of Zion Church were: Class Leader, Ferdinand Kosanke; Board of Trustees, Christoff Zellmer, John Mantei and Frederich Brost. Only one of the charter members, D.F. Brost, is still living and a resident in Kulm. In these early years the church building was located on the site now occupied by the Community Hall. In 1902 the building was moved to its present location. **Rev. G.C. Thiele** served the church devotedly and successfully until 1912 when Rev. G. Heur was assigned to the charge. Succeeding ministers were: A. Oertli, R. Tammen, A. Rux, O.W. Ferk and G. Duebendorf. In 1923 Rev. A. Gehring was assigned to the field. Under his ministry the church prospered in an unusual way. Rev. F.W. Agte succeeded him. In 1931 Rev. O.N. Felberg, presently serving as an evangelist for the denomination, began a very effective and useful ministry. His successor was Rev. O.A. Gehring, a young man who had received his license to preach from Zion Church. More recent ministers have been: J.J. Schroder, C.E. Bach, J.M. Burkhard, L. Buechler and Rueben Gums. Under the ministry of Leo Buechler the preaching services were for the first time entirely in English. The church was extensively remodeled and an educational "L" unit was added to the structure. In 1955 a tower entrance with added facilities for Sunday School and cloak room purposes was added completing the structure as it stands today. Organizations which presently function in the life of the church are: The Women's Society of World Service, The Evangelical United Brethren Men, The Sunday School, The Adult Fellowship, The Youth Fellowship, The Boys and Girls Fellowship. The present pastor is C. Knoepfle.

54. Kulm – Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA)

- Location: 107 Center St E
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Zion Lutheran Church-1 \[4107\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Zion Lutheran Church-2 \[4119\]](#)
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – 1892-1957*, p.18-19. The Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church was first organized in 1928 as the Kulm Community Church with the Rev. H. Wuerth as pastor. The charter

membership consisted of forty-five members and held its services in the City Auditorium. In 1929 the group purchased a used church building located six miles south of Berlin for \$500.00. Early the next spring it was moved to its present location. In September of 1930 the building having been remodeled and redecorated, was dedicated as a new worship center, with Rev. W.W.A. Keller of Jamestown and Rev. J. Schmitt of Fredonia as the guest speakers. In May of 1934, with many more members expressing their desire to identify themselves with the church body, the congregation voted to have its name changed to Evangelical Lutheran Church. In 1939 under the faithful guidance of Rev. L.A. Westenberger, the congregation affiliated itself with the American Lutheran Church which has its headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. The congregation is still a member of that church body. Besides Rev. H. Wuerth, organizer of the congregation, the following pastors have served: Rev. Wuerth, 1929-1938; Rev. Westenberger, 1939-1941; Rev. C.F. Broeche, 1941-1943; Rev. John Bunge, 1943-1950; Rev. Reinhold Hintz, 1950-1951. In July 1952 Rev. R.W. Schwarz was installed as the first resident pastor. The congregation purchased a used home to serve as a temporary parsonage. In the spring of 1955 a new parsonage was built and completed in December of 1955 and the Schwarz family have called it home since December 15, 1955. At the present time the Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church has a baptized membership of 184 souls. Officers at the present time are: Pastor, Rev. R.W. Schwarz; Congregation Chairman, Richard Hildebrand; Treasurer, Gottlieb Schock; Secretary, Lester Berntson; Sunday School Supt., Bernhard Rasch; Trustees: Aalbert Kinzler, Richard Stadler, Jake Steinwandt; Deacons: Edwin Heidinger, Freddie Kinzler, William Wolff.

- Community History: *Kulm, ND – Diamond Jubilee, Supplement to 1957 Jubilee Book*. Due to the merger of several Lutheran Synods in 1960, the church's headquarters has moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is now known by the name "The American Lutheran Church." Pomona Valley Lutheran Church disbanded in 1957 and most of its members joined the Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church. Pomona Lutheran was the first organized church in the Kulm vicinity. That was in the year 1888. Ministers who served the church since 1957 are: Rev. Wm. Fink, 1957-1960; Rev. Walter Hummel, 1961-1964; Rev. Lawrence C. Pratt, Jr., 1964-1966; Rev. Rudolf Inselmann is the present pastor who came to Kulm on August 23, 1966. Two young people from this congregation, Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Hille, serve as missionaries in Cameroon, West Africa. At present, the congregation has a baptized membership of 200 souls. It has a Ladies organization known as Zion Lutheran Church Women, which is divided into two circles: Esther and Mary-Martha. It also has a Men of the Church organization known as the Brotherhood and a Luther League, consisting of its young people. It has a fine Sunday School and a Junior Choir. Members of the Church Council are: Pastor, Rev. R. Inselmann; President, Lloyd Hildebrand; Deacons, Myron Holman, Russell Gackle, LeMar Kinzler; Trustees, Richard Hildebrand, William Remein, Albert Heidinger; Secretary, Gene Young; Financial Secretary, Duane Kinzler; Treasurer, Lester Berntson; Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Dennis Buchholz.
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – Centennial 1892-1992*, p.130-131. October 21, 1928 marked the beginning of Zion Lutheran Church in Kulm, ND. It all started when a faction of church members from another local church became dissatisfied with the way the services were being conducted and decided to organize their own church. The new church was known as the Kulm Protestant Community Church. For two years, services were held in the Kulm City Hall with Rev. H. Wuerth as their pastor. A Christian organization for the women began one year later in 1929 and was called the Ladies Aid. In January of 1930, the new congregation purchased the present church building for \$500 and had it moved from six miles south of Berlin to its present site at the corner of Center St. and 2nd Ave. E. The building, having been remodeled and redecorated, was dedicated as a new worship center in September of 1930 with Rev. W.W.A. Keller of Jamestown and Rev. J. Schmidt of Fredonia as guest speakers. There were 54 families as charter members. They paid dues of \$15.00 per family, and the minister received an annual salary of \$1,200. A plot of land one and one-half miles west of town was purchased from Richard Hildebrand in 1932 to be used as a cemetery. It was named Hillside Cemetery. In May of 1934, with many more members expressing their desire to identify themselves with the church body, the congregation voted to have its name changed to Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church. Under the faithful guidance of Rev. L.A. Westenberger, the congregation affiliated itself with the American Lutheran Church in 1939. In 1975, Our Redeemers Lutheran of Edgeley decided to share pastoral services with Kulm and Jud and, until the present, have formed a three-point parish. The members, being staunch Germans, were faithful to their mother tongue, conducting all their services in German until 1950, when they decided to have one evening

English service a month. In 1952, services were alternated between German and English. Finally in 1953, forsaking their German language, they conducted all their services in English. The church's first parsonage, a house in the eastern part of Kulm, was purchased in 1952 with Rev. R.W. Schwarz and his family as its first residents. In 1955, a new parsonage was built adjacent to the church building. In 1956, Pomona Valley Lutheran Church, which was organized in 1888 for the Norwegian-speaking immigrants, dissolved and many of its members joined Evangelical Zion. By 1956, the language spoken in both churches was English and their religious beliefs were basically the same, so the merger went smoothly. In 1976, the congregation voted to simplify the church's name to the one now used-Zion Lutheran Church. The stewardship of Zion has always been good. An assessment was made of each family in the early years to pay the minister's salary. In 1954, the present envelope system was instituted. 'Zion may be unique in one respect. All giving is free-will with no pledge system and it operates without a budget. To date, the stewardship of the congregation has voluntarily met the synodical needs and is active in community projects. Zion has auxiliary organizations. In addition to the church council it has a Sunday School, Luther League, church choir, altar guild and Ladies Circle groups and work groups that have Bible studies, do mission projects, make quilts and take care of the serving for the church activities. Former pastors and their tenure of service: Rev. H. Wuerth (1928-1938); Rev. L.A. Westenberger (1939-1941); Rev. C.F. Broecher (1941-1943); Rev. John Bunge (1943-1950); Rev. Reinhold Hintz (1950-1951); Rev. R.W. Schwarz (1952-1957); Rev. Wm. Fink (1957-1960); Rev. Walter Hummel (1961-1964); Rev. Lawrence Pratt Jr. (1964-1966); Rev. Rudolph Inselmann (1966-1970); Rev. Thomas Faaland (1970-1971); Rev. Herman Buenting (1972-1976); Rev. Wayne Eitland (1976-1983); Rev. Roy Ott (1984-1989). Presently (1990) Zion is without a minister. It is being served in the interim by Rev. Gary Bertsch, pastor of Martin Luther Lutheran of Fredonia. The present church council and staff includes: President, Wilbert Schlabsz; Secretary, Mabel Usina; Treasurer, Lloyd Hildebrand; Financial Secretary, Audrey Fregien; Deacons, Lowell Berntson, Darrell Gackle, Keith Heidinger; Trustees, Keith Wolf, Wilbert Kinzler, Russell Gackle; President of WELCA, Phyllis Berntson; Sunday School Superintendent, Mary Kinzler; Janitor, Ruby Martinson; Sexton, LeRoy Gackle; Organists, Lucy Malm, Pat Rutschke; Church Secretary, Marion Gackle. Our church, our church, our dear old church; our Father's and our own. May it ever be a spiritual haven for our people and may only the true Word of God be preached from its pulpit.

55. Kulm – Zion United Methodist Church

- See Kulm – United Methodist Church; Kulm – Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church
- [Photo Available: La-Kulm Zion United Methodist Church \[4122\]](#)

56. LaMoure – Church of the Nazarene

- Location: Town of LaMoure
- Other Information: Does not keep church or cemetery records
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure Church of the Nazarene-1 \[4083\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure Church of the Nazarene-2 \[4082\]](#)
- Community History: *LaMoure, ND – A History of LaMoure 1882-1982*, p.194-195. The Church of the Nazarene was organized by Rev. J.H. Morrison, District Superintendent, on March 2, 1924, with 15 members. A store building served as a place of worship until 1927, when they moved to the laundry building. Rev. S.C. Taylor held the first revival. In February 1942, a church was bought in Litchville, and moved in during Rev. John Kern's ministry. Dr. J.B. Chapman dedicated that church in June 1942. Some remodeling was done during the time worshipping there. This building was sold to the LaMoure Masons, after plans were made to build the present church in which they now worship, during Rev. Jim Edlins ministry in 1970 and 1980. Service of dedication was held June 1, 1980. Pastors have been John Wheeler, H.J. Wesseling, J.W. Helborn, O.E. Marsh, David J. Seevers, John Pattee, John Kern, A.J. Hewitt, Paul R. Gullet, Clare Kern, Gust Moline, A.J. Burnett, Kenneth Heller, Jim Edlin and Bob Reter.

57. LaMoure – Federated Church

- Location: Town of LaMoure
- See LaMoure – First Presbyterian Church
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure Federated \(1st Presbyterian\) Church \[3901\]](#)

58. LaMoure – First Presbyterian Church

- Location: Town of LaMoure
- Church Records as of 13 September 2007
 - Information provided by Joan Swanson <revjls@drtel.net>
 - Baptism Register 1883-present
 - Confirmation Register 1883-present
 - Marriage Register 1883-present
 - Death Register 1883-present
 - Records located at the church. A fire and a "theft" of records required a reconstruction of records
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure First Presbyterian Church-1 \[4083\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure First Presbyterian Church-2 \[4083\]](#)
- Community History: *The History of LaMoure – History of Organizations*, The First Presbyterian church of LaMoure (also known as the Federated church) was begun in 1882 autumn when Rev F M Wood began services in Grand Rapids, first service in LaMoure being May 20, 1883 in Mattison's boarding house, later at other buildings with the pastor standing on a wooden box, and pews made of boards over nail kegs. One of the congregation's first acts was to establish a Sunday school with F M Kinter as supt. Oct. 7, 1883 formal organization of the church was effected with Kinter, Mrs. Martha J Wood, Addie L Wood, Master Clinton Wood, Mrs M E Button and Harry L Lloyd charter members. In August 1884 ground was broken for a church, which was dedicated May 10, 1885, destroyed by cyclone in August 1886. In 1887 a new church was built on the site of the present church with Rev R W Ely pastor, followed by Revs. J J Thompson, A A Zabriskie, Willard C Lyon, Byron Fahl, John Davis, J G Nordewier, M S Riddle, D L Jones. The choir was organized in 1889. The church was remodeled and a basement added when Rev Jones was here. Then ministers were Rev Dugald McIntyre, Rev R H Myers, Rev D A Martens, Rev Roy M Smith, Rev Chas F Bole. After the close of Rev Bole's ministry, the congregation joined with the Methodist church, Rev L R Burgum. Then pastors were Rev M D Bone, Rev Douglas Carhart, 1941-4 Rev W W Smith served Methodist and Presbyterians operating under federation. In 1944 fire destroyed the church. Rev J P Baker became pastor in 1945 and the Methodist church was used until in 1950. The present beautiful brick building was dedicated Sept. 24, 1950. In June 1952 Rev Raymond Saunders became pastor and continues yet. Dec. 6, 1953 a new Baldwin orgasonic organ was dedicated. A 20-voice choir directed successively by Burton Green and Miss Gladys Helmers accompanies worship. Additions to church facilities have included mimeograph machine, floor tile. Membership is now 230 corporate members. There is a church school for all ages from 3 through adult, 125 enrolled. The program of the church includes faith and life curriculum, women's ass'n. daily vacation church school, youth fellowship, adult study groups, church membership classes, Junior choir was added in 1957, Mrs Marvin Kautz director, Sharon Kaftan organist. Excused time religious education was effected in 1956-57 with cooperation of the local school.
- Community History: *LaMoure, ND – A History of LaMoure 1882-1982*, p.195. The First Presbyterian Church of LaMoure was begun in the autumn of 1882, when F.M. Wood began services in Grand Rapids. The Rev. Wood, a graduate of Princeton College and Seminary, began services in LaMoure as the first church in the community on May 20, 1883, in Mattison's boarding house and later at other buildings, with the pastor standing on a wooden box and the pews made of boards over nail kegs. One of the congregation's first acts was to establish a Sunday School with F.M. Kinter as superintendent. October 7, 1883, formal organization of the church was effected with Kinter, Mrs. Martha J. Wood, Addie L. Wood, Master Clinton Wood, Mrs. M.D. Button and Harry L. Lloyd as charter members. Also that fall the first child was baptized in LaMoure, Laura Alberta Button, by the Rev. Wood. In August, 1884, ground was broken for a \$3,000 church building, which was dedicated May 10, 1885. Samuel Glover donated a bell so big that the congregation had to rebuild the bell tower. This building was destroyed by fire in 1944. The present brick building stands on the original site and was dedicated September 24, 1950. It was rededicated in special services twenty-five years later on September 28, 1975. On December 6, 1953, a Baldwin organ, paid for by the choir, was dedicated, and this organ was replaced in 1976. The choir was organized in 1889. Ministers who have served, beginning in 1887, when the church was built, are the Rev. R.W. Ely,

followed by Revs. J.J. Thompson, A.A. Zabriskie, D.L. Jones. The church was remodeled and a basement added when Rev. Jones was here. The ministers who served were Rev. Dugald McIntyre, Rev. R.H. Byers, Rev. D.A. Martens, Rev. Roy M. Smith, Rev. Charles F. Bole. After the close of Rev. Bole's ministry, the congregation joined the Methodist Church and pastors were Rev. L.R. Burgum, W.W. Smith, and Douglas Carhart. In 1944, when the fire destroyed the church, the Methodist church was used until 1950. During the building of the present brick building, the pastor was the Rev. John P. Baker, followed in 1952 by Rev. Raymond Saunders. Rev. Robert McFarlane served when Grand Rapids congregation joined the LaMoure congregation and the church mortgage was burned in 1959. Rev. Harold Rambo served eight years and was minister when Cottonwood congregation also joined LaMoure. Rev. Robert Schurr served 11 years and the present minister is Rev. Richard Kargard, who was installed November 2, 1980. Membership is now 172.

59. LaMoure – High Prairie Lutheran Church (ELCA)

- Location: 5 miles east & 9 miles north of LaMoure; NW ¼ of **Sec. 27-T135-R60** (Gladstone Township)
- Church Records as of 07 September 2007
 - Information provided by Susan Christian 505 N Main LaMoure, ND 58458
 - Baptism Register 1887-present
 - Confirmation Register 1887-present
 - Marriage Register 1887-present
 - Death Register 1887-present
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure High Prairie Lutheran Church-1 \[4082\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure High Prairie Lutheran Church-2 \[4082\]](#)
- Community History: *LaMoure, ND – A History of LaMoure 1882-1982*, p.193-194. On April 17, 1887, some of the settlers of Gladstone and Black Loam Townships met for the purpose of establishing a Lutheran Congregation. The following officers were elected: Otto Hanson, chairman; Jens Egge, secretary; Ole Holt, Christoffer Sand, and John Holmson, deacons; Edward Jenson, Albert Kvern, and Torger Sjulli, trustees. At first, worship was held in the homes or schoolhouses. At the annual meeting held January 11, 1896, a committee consisting of Christ Sandness, Halvor Johnson, and Nels Nelson was elected to find a convenient place for a church site and cemetery. On January 17, 1898, it was decided to begin gathering funds for a church building. Each farmer was to donate the crop from one acre of each quarter of land owned. Later this was changed to one percent of wheat and flax raised. Nels Nelson and Sivert Sandness were elected to secure a plan for the church building. Construction of the church began in the spring of 1903 with the work being done by members of the congregation. Nels Nelson, Ole Gyldenvand, Ole Tumt, Peter Larson and K. Wangrud served on the building committee. The work progressed as funds came in, the cornerstone was laid on June 6, 1905, and the church was dedicated on June 24, 1909. The church was built on a site in the northwest quarter of section 26 in Gladstone Township which now serves as the cemetery. In 1925 it was decided to buy two acres across the road to the west in section 27, dig a basement, and move the church to the west in section 27, dig a basement, and move the church to this new site. G. Sandanger, Elling Satreaas, John Sandness, K. Wangrud, and Ray Johnson served on the moving committee. Two men dug the basement entirely by hand and also mixed all of the cement. The church was pulled to its new location by two horses working on a windlass. Our church building has the same size and shape as when first erected, although several improvements have been made including a new heating system, basement remodeling, stained glass windows, redecorating, and new front and side entrances. The present altar picture was a gift from Rev. G.B. Sandanger in 1937. According to the church records, High Prairie was a member of the Norwegian-Danish Lutheran Church of America until 1889 when the constitution of the United Lutheran Church of America was adopted. In 1898 it was decided to sever affiliation with the United Church and join the Lutheran Free Church. In 1963, the Lutheran Free Church voted to merge with the American Lutheran Church, thus making High Prairie a member. High Prairie has been served by the following pastors: Rev. O.K. Anderson (1887-1904); Rev. J.S. Strand (1904-1905); Rev. J.O. Arevik (1905-1907); Rev. L.E. Kjelaas (1907-1917); Rev. L.H. Froyen (1917-1919); Rev. G.B. Sandanger (1919-1952); Rev. Donald Ronning (1952-53); Rev. Harold Schafer (1953-1957); Rev. Gilbert Almquist (interim pastor Nov. 1957-Feb. 1958); Rev. E.J. Raaum (1958-1965); Rev. Paul Gunderson (1966-1970); Rev. Roy Grote (1971 to present). The parsonage is located in

LaMoure. As High Prairie Congregation looks forward to celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1987, we give glory to God for its preservation and for all blessings received from Him through His church on earth.

60. LaMoure – Holy Rosary Catholic Church

- Location: 209 – 1st St SE
- See Marion – Saint Francis Catholic Church
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure Holy Rosary Catholic Church \[3901\]](#)
- Community History: *The History of LaMoure – History of Organizations*. Information from 2 sources: files of Fargo Diocese dated July 25, 1903 & from Fr. Andrew Kalbeck OSB of Assumption Abbey, Richardton ND, compiled in 1939. The early missionaries began to hold services in LaMoure at the very start of the town in 1883. Services were held in the NP depot, then in the public school, courthouse, vacant stores and houses. Services were always held in LaMoure town. The first missionary was Fr. Tierney, whose first visit was in 1883. He was followed by Frs. Kahall, Barrett, O'Keefe, McDonald. It became a station, that is a place without a church but regularly visited from 1883 on. All the priests of the early period lived in Lisbon. The first Catholic families of LaMoure & Grand Rapids came in 1882 from Wisconsin: Charles Kinney, George Foran, Cornelius Cruden, John Powers, Pat Sinnott, John Brennan, Sullivans, Farrells, McCanns and McNallys of Verona, 60 souls of Irish and German extraction. During Fr. Barrett's time the LaMoure Catholics through Powers & Cruden bought a saloon building in Grand Rapids & moved it in March 1890 on sleigh to here. It cost \$80, was put on 9 lots bought from E P Wells for \$80: Priests during that time were Frs. Barrett, O'Keefe, J B McDonald & P B Fogarty. Money for the first church was raised by a fair. In 1906 Fr John Baker took charge of the LaMoure mission. The present church was built in 1906 under the supervision of Fr. Baker, Oakes pastor, with Stolte & Mercier of Redfield architects. The church seats over 200. For 25 years Mrs C A Cruden & her daughter Mrs Anna Lynch were organists Through donations were supplied: bell, stations of the cross, statues. In 1917 Fr. S. Cullen became the first resident pastor of Verona & LaMoure became a mission of Verona & was served by Fr. Cullen 1917-22, Fr. Corcoran 1922-25, Fr. O'Donoughe 1925-8, Fr. T. Cahill 28-39, Fr. L R Hobart 1939-49, Fr A Richard 1949-50, Fr Cleo Jaillet 1950-2. Altar, crucifix and other furnishings were procured in the days of Fr. Hebert. In the days of Fr. Richard 2 masses had to be offered on Sundays and holy days because of increasing population. In June 1952 Holy Rosary church became a parish with Fr. Jaillet as pastor. The church census of Oct 1956 gives 386 souls in the parish. Church records from July 1, 1952 to Jan 31, 1957 give 85 baptisms, adults 16, children 69. In the few years LaMoure has been a parish: a home has been bought for a rectory, the church sanctuary has been enlarged, a new Hammond organ installed, a communion railing, a wooden background and canopy for the altar, vestment case, confessional, the floor has been tiled, the church insulated, & windows installed. Plans are for a parish hall, and the rectory to be turned over to a group of nuns who will make LaMoure a catechetical center. These nuns would take care of the catechism instructions for the churches of LaMoure, Berlin, Dickey, Marion and Verona. A new rectory would be built on the church grounds.
- Community History: *LaMoure, ND – A History of LaMoure 1882-1982*, p.192-193. The early missionaries began to hold services in LaMoure in the very beginning of the town in 1883. Services were held in the N.P. depot, then in the public school, courthouse, vacant stores and the homes. The first missionary was Fr. Tierney in 1883, was ordained for Dubuque, Iowa, diocese, but was loaned to the Dakota Vicariate under Bishop Marty who arrived in Lisbon, Feb. 1884, to become his first resident pastor. He was followed by Frs. Kahall, Barrett, O'Keefe and McDonald. It was a parish without a church but regularly visited from 1883 on; all the priests living in Lisbon. The first Catholic families of LaMoure and Grand Rapids came in 1882 from Wisconsin, Charles Kinney, George Foran, Cornelius Cruden, John Powers, Leo (Pat) Sinnott, John Brennan and Sullivans, Farrells, McCanns and McNallys of Verona. All of Irish and German extraction. During Fr. Barrets time, through Powers and Crudens, a saloon building in Grand Rapids was bought and moved to LaMoure on a sleigh in 1890. Cost was \$80, and it was put on nine lots bought from E.P. Wells for \$80. This was a little farther east than our church of today. Money for this first church was raised by the parishioners by putting on a fair. In 1904 the church was sold at auction to Ivar O. Twete, he in turn sold it to Zoar Lutheran for \$400. They after many years, sold it to the Reorganized Church of Christ which is still functioning in that capacity. In 1906 Fr. John Baker, who was the pastor of Oakes, took charge of the LaMoure Mission, which under his supervision the brick surfaced church, serving over 200 people, was built. Stolte and Mercier of Redfield, S.D., were the architects.

Through donations a bell stations of the cross and statues were added. In 1917 Fr. S. Cullen became first resident pastor of Verona with LaMoure a mission. Fr. Cocoran from 1922-25, Fr. O. Donaghue, 1925-28 who later became a monsignor. Fr. Thomas Cahill came in 1928 and remained twelve long, lonely and dry depression years. Majority of the parishioners were farmers, many crop failures due to lack of rain, grasshoppers, consequently Sunday collections were skimpy. Fr. L. Hebert came in 1940-1949; times improved from then on and many improvements were made. Fr. Richard, 1940-50; Fr. Cleo Jaillet, 1950-52. In days of Fr. Richard, two masses had to be offered on Sundays and holy days because of increasing population. In 1952 Holy Rosary became a parish with Fr. Jaillet as pastor. The David Lloyd house was purchased for Rectory and many improvements made in the church. Fr. J. Bacevicious who was a Lithuanian and displaced by war, was Father's assistant while learning English. Fr. John Ferry came in Sept. of 1958 to July 1968. He is now serving as pastor at Lisbon. These were busy and rewarding years. The hall was built for around \$30,000, also the house for \$22,000. The cemetery grounds, which were donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Foran, Sr., in years gone by, was extensively improved, erecting a cross, building a new gateway of rock and planting of pine trees. Fr. Louis Veit served 1968-1974, and due to lack of priests, Verona became a mission of LaMoure. Also the Berlin church was closed so ten new families were added to the parish. Fr. John Wanzek, the present pastor, took over in Jan. 1975, and aside from his own parish and Verona as a mission and the Colonial Manor Nursing Home, he supervised the building of the new church, with Curtis Construction Co., the contractor. Edward Lutgen at his passing willed 240 acres of farm land to Holy Rosary enabling the financing of the project. The land was cash rented for a number of years, and eventually sold in 1977 for \$91,000. Furnishings of the old church were sold at auction and a beef supper, with the beef donated, added more to the project. Many of the essentials of the church were donated as memorials. The approximate cost of the finished building was \$215,000. The church was dedicated by Bishop J. Driscoll on April 16, 1978. Fr. Wanzek now has Marion and Dickey parishes as well as LaMoure. The Verona parish is assigned to Oakes. Holy Rosary Parish was honored by having the famed International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of our Lady of Fatima visit our parish June 19 to June 20, 1961. Special services for world peace were held during this time. Holy Rosary has a congregation of 120 families.

- Community History: *LaMoure, ND – Celebrating 125 Years! 1882-2007*, p.85-86. The Fire at Holy Rosary Church – January 5, 2004: Around 8:00 am on Tuesday, January 5, 2004, interim priest, Fr. Jim Tiu, discovered a fire when he entered the church through the side door to prepare for the 8:30 am mass. He saw through thick, black smoke a flame in the area of the piano and organ (which sat together on the east side). Fr. Tiu went back into the rectory to call the fire department. Two other fire departments were called for back up, but the fire was extinguished in less than 20 minutes. However, the interior was heavily damaged from the build-up of intense heat. An extremely rare short-circuit inside the organ had created such intense heat that the organ began to smolder. Fed by air from an opened door, the small flame burst so violently, that the doors and stained glass windows burst. The roof beams and pews, which were made of laminated wood were charred and started to separate. Anything plastic melted and the plaster statues crumbled when touched. Everything was covered with a thick layer of black soot; however, the inside of the tabernacle, where the Holy Eucharist is kept, was still perfectly white. Wednesday evening, January 7, 2004, parishioners met at the parish hall to begin discussing the overwhelming task of assessing the losses, cleaning up the ashes, and rebuilding Holy Rosary. With the guidance of Fr. Robert Smith and the hundreds of hours of hard work of many, Holy Rosary Church was rebuilt from a dated and dark interior into a new, beautiful and bright place of worship. What seemed the darkest moment of this church's history, evolved into a blessing. The new church's dedication took place on May 13, 2005. Priests since 1982 at Holy Rosary Church, LaMoure: Rev. John Wanzek (1974-1984); Rev. Leonard Breton (1984-1988); Rev. Neal Kapaun (1988-1994); Rev. Charles Fischer (1994-1995); Rev. Kevin Willis (1994-1997); Rev. Anthony Stammitti (1997-1998); Rev. Joseph Allen (1997-1998); Rev. Julian Kupisz (1998-2003); Rev. Michael Parrotta (2003-2003); Rev. Jimmy Tiu (2003-2004); Rev. Robert Smith (2004-2005); Rev. William Callery (2005-Present). Holy Rosary has two mission parishes, Assumption of Dickey in Dickey and St. Raphael's in Verona. St. Francis in Marion was closed in May 22, 2005. Holy Rosary's church family is made up of 117 families. Church organizations include Knights of Columbus, Altar Society, CYO and CCD.

61. LaMoure – Lutheran Free Church

- Location: Town of LaMoure
- See LaMoure – Zoar Lutheran Church (ELCA)

62. LaMoure – Methodist Church

- Location:
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure Methodist Church \[4082\]](#)
- No longer active
- Community History: *LaMoure, ND – A History of LaMoure 1882-1982*, p.194. The Methodist Church was organized in LaMoure in 1884. The church was built in 1889. In 1930, the Methodist congregation and the Presbyterian congregation shared ministers, and services were held in one church or the other on alternate Sundays. No church records were available for reference, as the Methodist Church is no longer active in LaMoure. Among the names of ministers who served the church in LaMoure are Reverend Duden, Reverend Basil Osborne, Reverend L.A. Dodge and Reverend Leslie R. Burgum.

63. LaMoure – Norwegian Lutheran Church

- Location: Town of LaMoure
- See LaMoure – Zoar Lutheran Church (ELCA)

64. LaMoure – Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

- Location: Town of LaMoure
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure Reorganized Latter-Day Saints \[4084\]](#)
- Community History: *LaMoure, ND – A History of LaMoure 1882-1982*, p.196. The history of the church group started about the turn of the century when missionaries visited the Straubville, LaMoure-Berlin area. Several families became interested and became members. For some years, things seemed at a standstill. Missionaries continued to come and hold meetings in both Straubville and LaMoure. In both areas the members met in homes to hold Sunday School classes. Charles Young was ordained to the Priesthood and asked to take leadership of the group. When the Charles Young family left the LaMoure area in the middle 1940's active services were discontinued until 1950 when Sunday School classes were held again. In 1964 some good advancements were made. The William VanFleet family moved to Steele, N. Dak. Not wanting to be idle in discharging the responsibility to serve in any way he could when he accepted his call to priesthood, he and his family made several weekend trips to LaMoure. Bill and J.D. Young contacted every member in this area to see if they would be willing to meet once a month in Oakes. This proved successful and developed into meetings there twice a month. Priesthood members from Fargo supplied the ministry. Sunday School classes were held in the homes the other Sundays. The group met this way until 1961 when they purchased the present church building in LaMoure. The first service was held on May 1, 1961. The dedication service was October 15, 1967. The greatest continuity came in 1965 when Bob Richard, who lived in Moorhead, Minn., was the pastor. He and his wife Evelyn came nearly every Sunday and on special occasions came during the week to hold services. They were sorely missed when they moved to Montana in 1971. Don Thompson served as pastor following Bob Richard. Don and his wife Ann also served faithfully. Again, a great loss was felt when they moved from the area. Since then services have been very sporadic. The ministry supplied comes mostly from Fargo.

65. LaMoure – Trinity English Lutheran Church (LCMS)

- Location: 215 SE 2nd St
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure Trinity Lutheran Church-1 \[3901\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure Trinity Lutheran Church-2 \[5691\]](#)
- Community History: *The History of LaMoure – History of Organizations*. Trinity Lutheran congregation was organized as a mission congregation April 2, 1941. Five men signed the constitution: James Rund, Harry Hettrich, William Taron, Edwin Schulz, Robert Klewin. May 19, 1941 Trinity joined the rural Zion congregation to form one parish, The Rev. M. Haerther, Edgeley, served this parish 5 years. In 1945 members purchased and moved to here the old building of Zion Lutheran of Grand Rapids. Robert Schmidt, student pastor, came to serve the 2 congregations in 1945. In 1946 the Rev. W. Siefkes accepted

the call to become the first resident pastor. Plans were begun in 1947 for the erection of a new and larger church building. On the building committee were Adolph Glaser, Alvin Senechal, Pastor Siefkers, Herman and Paul Fischer. The children's Christmas service, Dec. 1948, was the first worship service in the new church basement. The new church was completed and dedicated in March 1950. In Oct 1954 the rural Zion congregation merged with Trinity. Trinity has 207 communicant members and 304 baptized souls. Present pastor is the Rev. L. Ruthenbeck, who was called to the congregation in 1950. Educational agencies in the congregation are: vacation Bible school, Saturday school, excused-time classes, Sunday school, Bible classes. Special education and service organizations: The Lutheran Women's Missionary league, the Lutheran Laymen's league, the Walther league.

- Community History: *LaMoure, ND – A History of LaMoure 1882-1982*, p.197-198. In this year, 1982, Trinity English Lutheran Church offers praise to God for the past 92 years of His blessings in their midst through the Gospel and Sacraments. The tribute it honors has its beginnings in 1890 when the Zion Lutheran Church of Dean Township, LaMoure County, was organized to serve the Lutheran people west of the city of LaMoure. That the mission expansion of the church be continued is evident when on Oct. 2, 1939, Zion congregation met with District Pres. Rev. J.P. Klausler, and the Rev. H. Schumacher to discuss the opening of "a mission station in town". By the next year, on April 21, the plan was formulated "to call a candidate to assist the pastor (Rev. J. Haerther) in the present parish and establish a mission station in LaMoure." On March 30, 1941, Mr. and Mrs. William Taron, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hettrick and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Schulz were by unanimous resolution granted a release at their request to join the new mission congregation to be organized in the City of LaMoure. Trinity English Lutheran congregation was organized on April 2, 1941. Five men signed the constitution: James Rund, Harry Htrick, William Taron, Edwin Schulz and student pastor Robert Klewin. Rev. K.F. Wentzel, circuit counselor of Gwinner, N.D., was present at this organizational meeting. An agreement was reached at a meeting on May 19, 1941, to join with the rural Zion Congregation to form one parish. It was decided to extend a call to candidate Robert Klewin to serve as the first pastor of Trinity-Zion. In 1945 the Zion Lutheran Church building at Grand Rapids was purchased for \$450.00 (which included the electrical wiring, light fixtures and the church bell) and was moved to LaMoure. The church as dedicated on March 31, 1946. In April 1946, candidate W. Siefkes accepted the call to become the first resident pastor. Plans were begun in 1947 to erect a new and larger church building. Members of the building committee were Adolph Glaser, Alvin Senechal, Pastor Siefkes, Herman Fischer and Paul Fischer. The basement was begun on Sept. 28, 1948. The estimated cost for the 30' by 50' structure was \$13,000. The first service was the children's Christmas program which was held in the basement on Dec. 23, 1948. The new church was completed and dedicated in March, 1950. The new church building now completed, now became quite an undertaking for the young congregation to pay its own way. Since its organization in 1941 it had been subsidized by the district and the subsidy ceased at the end of 1949. Trinity continued its growth. St. John's congregation at rural Marion disbanded in 1954 (organized 1897) with many of its members transferring to Trinity. In 1955, rural Zion congregation merged with Trinity. A second building project was undertaken on Oct. 18, 1961, to construct a parsonage. Oris Pawluck, Paul Fischer, Elmer Lind, Woodrow Nelson assisted contractor Ed Lauf in planning and completing the parsonage project at a cost of approximately \$23,000. The dedication was held on April 18, 1962. The most recent improvement on the church structure received a favorable vote on April 15, 1973. On July 17, construction began on the \$41,000 addition. The original entrance and west wall were removed. The new facility added two classrooms, restrooms, utility room and extension in the basement; an entry, classroom and a meeting room on the main floor; choir loft, classroom and storage rooms in the balcony area. The building committee membership included Wendell Siedschlag, Reinhold Just, Wayne Hankel, Julius Just, LeRoy Siedschlag; Charles Podoll and Rodger Fischer served as ex-officio advisory members. The cornerstone was placed on May 19, 1974, and dedication services were held on June 9, 1974. The congregation has been blessed with continued growth and expansion. Two of its youth chose to serve the Lord in his ministry. Donald Fichtelman was ordained on July 20, 1958, at Omaha, Nebraska. Donald Just was ordained at ceremonies at Trinity Lutheran on Sept. 5, 1965. Also, three became parochial teachers: Ardella Fischer (Mrs. George Krenz), Darlene Fischer (Mrs. Harold Westphal) and Marcella Just (Mrs. Robert Ludwig). Organizations serving the church are the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Lutheran Layman's League, Lutheran Youth Fellowship, Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Class. Membership 1982 Communicant 260; Baptized 325. Glory to God! Pastors who served Trinity: 1941-1942 Rev. Robert Klewin, vacancy: Rev. M.J. Haerther (Edgeley); 1946-1950 Rev. William F. Siefkes, vacancy: Rev. E. Zaph (Edgeley); 1950-1958 Rev. Loren Ruthenbeck, vacancy: Rev.

Harold Huber (Oakes); 1958-1962 Rev. Paul J. Pfothauer, vacancy: Rev. L.R. Westphal (Lisbon); 1963-1966 Rev. Harry A. Hager, vacancy: Rev. Paul Bunkowske (Lisbon); 1966-1972 Rev. Victor D. Tegtmeier, vacancy: Rev. Theo Allwardt Sr. (Oakes); 1973 to present Rev. Luther A. Koehler.

- Community History: *LaMoure, ND – Celebrating 125 Years! 1882-2007*, p.88. "How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!" (Ps. 84:1). Trinity English Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Lutheran church-Missouri Synod. She was organized on April 2, 1941 with five men signing its constitution: James Rund, Harry Hettrick, William Taron, Edwin Schulz and student pastor Robert Klewin. An agreement was reached at a meeting in May to join with the rural Zion congregation to form one parish with Rev. Robert Klewin called to be the first pastor of the joint parish. In 1945 the Zion Lutheran Church building at Grand Rapids was purchased for the price of \$450 and was moved to LaMoure and dedicated on March 31, 1946. Rev. William Siefkes accepted the call to become the first resident pastor of Trinity in April, 1946. Trinity's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) was organized on September 12, 1946 with Mrs. Alvin (Esther) Senechal as its first president. 12 members signed the constitution including Mrs. Alvin (Esther) Senechal, Mrs. William (Darlene) Siefkes, Mrs. Victor (Ada) Paul, Mrs. Art (Alma) Janke, Mrs. Ed (Clara) Schulz, Mrs. John (Marie) Senechal, Mrs. Albert (Goldie) Schlichting, Mrs. Paul (Rose) Fischer, Mrs. Jacob (Laura) Paul, Mrs. Adolph (Virginia) Long, Mrs. Lillian Plankey, and Mrs. Ed (Ella) Janisch. The Lord blessed the congregation and plans began in 1947 to erect a new and larger church building. Members of the building committee were Adolph Glaser, Alvin Senechal, Rev. Siefkes, Herman Fischer and Paul Fischer. The basement was begun in September of 1948 with the first service, the children's Christmas service, held in the church basement on December 23, 1948. The new church was completed and dedicated in March of 1950. God continued to be with His people and Trinity continued to add to its flock adding members from rural Zion congregation in 1955 and St. John's congregation in rural Marion in 1964. Changes were made to the original church structure in 1973 which included a new entry, classrooms, meeting room, and choir loft. Members of the building committee included Wendell Siedschlag, Reinhold Just, Wayne Hankel, Julius Just, LeRoy Siedschlag, Charles Podoll, and Rodger Fischer. Ed Lauf was the foreman on the job who supervised the work of Carter Podoll, Mark Podoll and Rodger Fischer. In addition to the many who donated of their time, Paul Hample did the excavation, Charles Podoll completed the plumbing and the heating design, and Wendell Siedschlag provided the material for the cement and backfill. The cornerstone was placed on May 19, 1974 and dedicated on June 9, 1974. An additional entry, offices, elevator, youth room, classroom, and handicap accessible bathrooms were added in 1996 with dedication held on June 22, 1997. Members of the building committee included Karen and Larry Mart, Loretta and Bruce Rasmusson, Charles Podoll, Dennis Just, Bill Salzieder, and Rev. Lowell Kayser. A new sign was added in 2003. And in 2005, improvements and updates to the exterior of the church were completed with new siding and, new exterior entry doors on the south side of the building. Pastors that have served Trinity include: Rev. Robert Klewin (1941-1942); (vacancy Rev. Haerther, Edgeley); Rev. William Siefkes (1946-1950); (vacancy Rev. Zaph); Rev. Lornell Ruthenbeck (1950-1958); (vacancy Rev. Harold Huber); Rev. Paul Pfothauer (1958-1962); (vacancy Rev. L.R. Westphal); Rev. Harry Hager (1963-1966); (vacancy Rev. Paul Bunkowske); Rev. Victor Teigtmeier (1966-1972); (vacancy Rev. Theo Allwardt, Sr.); Rev. Luther Koehler (1973-1992); (vacancy Rev. Patrick O'Brien); Rev. Lowell Kayser (1993-1999); (vacancy Rev. Patrick O'Brien); Rev. Thomas Puffe (2000-present). Beginning in 1964, Trinity has shared a pastor with the congregation of Trinity Lutheran in Adrian. Trinity, LaMoure and Trinity, Adrian officially joined together as a dual parish on September 30, 1992. On August 13, 2006, Trinity celebrated the blessings the Lord provided over the past 65 years and the future work He has in store for her in the coming years. Active groups within the congregation include: Choir and hand chimes, Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF), noted for their midweek soup suppers and Easter breakfast; LWML; quilters; and several Bible Studies.

66. LaMoure – Zoar Lutheran Church (ELCA)

- Location: 421 SE 3
- See Marion – Lutheran Church (ELCA)
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure Zoar Lutheran Church-1 \[3901\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure Zoar Lutheran Church-2 \[4088\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure Zoar Lutheran Church-3 \[4088\]](#)

- [Photo Available: La-LaMoure Zoar Lutheran Church-4 \[5692\]](#)
- Community History: *The History of LaMoure – History of Organizations*. The little white frame church in the southeastern part of LaMoure is Zoar, an evangelical Lutheran church, Rev. Arne Carlson pastor. "Zoar" means a city of refuge, and it has been. Zoar has a membership of 70 families, or 150 communicants. Lloyd Carlson is president of the congregation, Martin Ellingson, vice-president; Donald Braaten, secretary; Charles Poehls, treasurer and Bud Maier, finance treasurer. Deacons are O K Olson, Joel Sandness and Alan Kjellin. William Boelter, George Johnson and Fred Rickford are trustees. Zoar Sunday School, Mrs. Robert Kyllingstad supt. And Mrs. Glenn Dill assistant supt. Has 85 pupils—35 in the primary dept and 50 in the intermediate and senior. There are 12 teachers, a pianist, Mrs. Marvin Olson, and Mrs. Wm. Boelter, secretary. Sunday school is held at 9 AM each Sunday during the school year. Each summer a two-week vacation Bible school is held. Eighth and ninth grade students meet with the pastor for instruction for two years preceding their confirmation. Zoar has a women's missionary society with 60 members, Mrs. Martin Ellingson, president, Mrs. J L Gyldenvand vice-president, Mrs. Charles Poehls secretary and Mrs Fred Johnson treasurer. The WMS meets in the church parlors the third Wednesday of each month, presenting programs on christian work, studied departmentally. Special music is provided. Members of the mission society are divided into four circles, meeting the first Tuesday evening of each month in the homes. The following are circle chairmen: Mrs. Glenn Dill-circle 1, Mrs. Irvin Christensen-circle 2, Mrs Ed Gentzkow-circle 3 and Mrs Joel Sandness-circle 4. One member acts as leader for the Bible study, being first instructed at a meeting, by the pastor. The circles serve as the working units of the mission in taking charge of the church nursery, church cleaning, serving for functions and providing for closer fellowship among the women. From 1937 until 1952, the men of Zoar and St. Ansgar churches had an active Lutheran Brotherhood organization of 40 members and they carried on many worth-while projects, of both a devotional and social nature, especially in promoting Christian activities among the young people. Zoar, together with St Ansgar, has a Luther league of 23, Marlys Block president, Beverly Gentzkow vice president, Darlene Ketterling secretary, Keith Bedford treasurer, Bonnie Kratz secretary of pocket-testament movement, and Mr Clarence Tostenson as advisor. This group meets alternately in the churches two Wednesday evenings of each month, one meeting a devotional nature with a program and one for social activities. Plans are now being made to send delegates to the Bible camp, June 9-16 at Lake Carlos, Alexandria, Minnesota, and also to the International Youth conference at Missoula, July 16-21. Zoar Lutheran organized on June 3, 1906, as a Lutheran Free church by Rev. L E Kjelaas, with seven members. Although records are incomplete, we believe the following were charter members: Mr/s J J Johnson, Mr/s Herman Halvorson, Peder Gjertson of Lisbon, Emil O. Ellison (D), Mr/s Marcus Berg (D), and Mr/s Iver O. Twete (D) The building which now serves Zoar was purchased by Iver O. Twete in 1904 from Holy Rosary Catholic church at auction. Mr Twete was instrumental in organizing Zoar as a congregation and sold the building to the congregation for \$400. When the articles of corporation were drawn, August 27, 1908, it was organized as a Norwegian Lutheran church, and the following were trustees: Emil O Ellison, Peder Gjertson and Emil E Ellison. The following have served as pastors: J E Kjelaas, O J Nesheim, P M Bratlie, A N Eggen, C J Nolstad, H O Egertson, R P Haakonson, S N Engelstad, B O Solberg and Arnold Lund. Zoar is now on the threshold of a new era in its history, having begun the erection of a new church, after the ground-breaking service held on April 14, 1957. J J Johnson, oldest charter member, broke the ground, assisted by his son, George, at an impressive out-door service at the new church site, near the new LaMoure school. Burton Groth is chairman of the building committee, and other members are Leroy Gyldenvand, Lorry Benn, George Johnson, Elliot Knutson and Irvin Christensen. On June 3, 1956, a 50th anniversary recognition day service was held at Zoar. Pictures of the congregation were taken by Gordon Bedford and Robert Kyllingstad and a picnic dinner was held at Sunset Park. A more extensive observance is planned when the new church is completed. At present a church history is being compiled, covering events of the first 50 years at Zoar, the general committee elected by the congregation being, Mrs J L Gyldenvand, Mrs Wm Boelter and Mrs Joel Sandness, chmn.
- Community History: *LaMoure, ND – A History of LaMoure 1882-1982*, p.199-200. Zoar Evangelisk Luthersk Meniged was organized under the leadership of Pastor O.J. Nesheim, July 22, 1906, who was pastor in Lisbon. Zoar is an Old Testament name for a city of escape or refuge. So through the years this House of God has proved to be a place of refuge. Certificate of Corporate Existence was issued to the Zoar Norwegian Lutheran Church of LaMoure Sept. 12, 1908. Charter members were Peter Gjertson, Joseph J. Johnson, Herman Halvorson, Emil O. Ellison, Emil E. Ellison, and Marcus E. Bergh and their families.

Services were held in homes and later in a remodeled building purchased by I.O. Tvette from the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. The new sanctuary was built. Ground breaking ceremonies were held April 14, 1957, and the entrance service was held March 30, 1958. A new parsonage was built and dedicated Dec. 2, 1962. Present membership at Zoar numbers 100 household units. The following have served as pastors: O.J. Nesheim (1919-1920); P.M. Bratlie (1921-1922); Almer N. Eggen (1923-1927); E.J. Nilstad (1928-1922); H.O. Egertson (1933-1937); R.P. Haakonson (1937-1941); S.M. Engelstad (1941-1946); B.O. Solberg (1948-1952); Arnold Lund (1952-1956); Arne Carlson (1956-1960); Erwin L. Holm (1960-1964); James Alger (1964-1967); Allen L. Gunderson (1967-1976); Lee G. Ruud (1977 to the present). The sons and daughters of Zoar who were called to serve as fulltime workers in the church are as follows: Esther Olson in 1935 went to China as a missionary. In 1941 she was taken prisoner by the Japanese and held captive three and a half years. Later she was a teacher and parish worker in California. Lily Gyldenvand was National President of the Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation (1948-1954). She then became the editor of 'Scope' magazine, the official publication of the American Lutheran Church Women until retirement in 1979. Marvin E. Sandness was ordained June 24, 1962. He has served in Madelia, Minn. (1962-1965), Tyler, Minn. (1965-1969), Maplewood Lutheran in St. Paul (1969-1973), Gethsemane Lutheran in Minneapolis (1973-1980), and is now at Christ Lutheran in Minneapolis, Minn. Wayne Pris was ordained July 22, 1973. He has served parishes at Rudyard, Montana (1973-1979), and is now at Somers, Montana.

- Community History: *LaMoure, ND – Celebrating 125 Years! 1882-2007*, p.89. In June of 2006, Zoar Lutheran Church celebrated 100 years of existence. It was organized in the Norwegian language and was given the name "Zoar Evangelisk Lutherk Menighed". The name Zoar was taken from the book of Deuteronomy where Zoar is referred to as a place of refuge or escape. Zoar has served well as that place of refuge, that place for worship, praise and thanksgiving for 100 years. Records state these people as charter members: Peter Gjertson, Joseph J. Johnson, Herman Halvorson, Emil O. Ellison, Emil E. Ellison, Marcus Bergh, Iver Twete, their wives and families. Alex and George Johnson, sons of Joseph Johnson are members of Zoar today. Doug Townsend is the grandson of Twete's. Generations of these charter members are keeping Zoar Church alive and well. Early services were held in homes and later in a remodeled building purchased by I.O. Twete from Holy Rosary Catholic Church. With time membership grew and the need for a new and larger facility became evident. Ground breaking ceremonies for a new church were held Palm Sunday, April 11, 1957 with two charter members present: Joseph Johnson and Mrs. Herman Halvorson. Harris Construction of LaMoure built the church. Total cost was \$46,000. The Zoar congregation had a service of entrance on Palm Sunday, March 30, 1958. A new parsonage was built in 1962 by Grant Mart & Sons for \$24,000. Ground breaking for an addition onto the church was held on August 28, 1994, to include a family room, new kitchen, handicap accessible bathroom, and 4 Sunday School rooms. Cost of addition built by Mart Construction was \$84,000. The pastors who have served Zoar congregation since its beginning are: Lorentz Kjelaas (1906-1914), O.J. Neshim (1914-1919), P.M. Bratlie (1920-1922), Almer Eggen (1923-1927), Carl Nilstad (1928-1933); H.O. Egertson (1933-1937), R.P. Haakonson (1937-1941), Siver N. Engelstad (1941-1946), Bennert O. Solberg (1948-1951), Arnold Lund (1952-1955), Arne Carlson (1956-1960), Erwin Holm (1961-1964), James Alger (1964-1967), Allen Gunderson (1967-1976), Lee Ruud (1977-1985), John Estrem (1985-present). Zoar is also appreciative of the very special wives these pastors brought with them who each in their own way provided a quiet, unique form of ministry. Our church was blessed with the presence of these special people. Sons and Daughters of the congregation who were called to serve the church include: Ester Olson, who as a missionary to China and a teacher in Lutheran schools; Lily Gyldenvand, who worked for the Evangelical Lutheran Church Department and was a published author of women's Bible studies, articles for church magazines and books. Marvin Sandness was ordained into the ministry at Zoar in 1962 and has served churches in Minnesota. Wayne Pris was ordained into the ministry at Zoar in 1973 and has served churches in Montana. Our membership "make-up" includes an interesting mixture of people from all walks of life and all income levels. We have teachers, truckers, farmers, bankers, secretaries, nurses, business men and women, clerks, daycare providers, electricians, sales men and women, etc. What started out as mostly a congregation of Norwegian Lutherans has welcomed people of many heritages. Our present membership is 100 families with about 50 children in Sunday School grades preschool—8th grade. What a wonderful fellowship to be a part of! What a joy to worship our Lord and Savior as a church family!!

67. Marion – American Lutheran Church

- Location: Village of Marion
 - See Marion – Lutheran Church (ELCA)
68. Marion – Congregational Church
- Location: Village of Marion
 - [Photo Available: La-Marion Congregational Church \[5709\]](#)
 - Community History: *Marion, ND – Our Community Prairie to Present, 1900-1975*, p.31. The Congregational Church was built in 1904. It was the first and only church in Marion for a number of years. The McDowells were instrumental in organizing and building the church with the help of many of the new residents of Marion and homesteaders in the vicinity, some of which were: the C.J. Deyoes, Henry Strubles, Charles H. Strubles, Martin Larsons, Christ Baertschs, Charles Baertschs, Peter Knudsens, and others. The membership grew in a few short years with a large and interesting Sunday School. Mrs. McDowell, the president of the Sunday School and Mrs. C.J. Deyoe were the main teachers. Interesting programs at Christmas, Easter, and other special days were given. Sunday School picnics were a special occasion. The church was closed in the late 30's because of lack of membership. It was sold and moved to Grand Rapids, N. Dak., in 1945 and is now the Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids.
69. Marion – Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Location: Village of Marion
 - See Marion – Lutheran Church (ELCA)
70. Marion – Evangelical United Brethren Church
- Location: Village of Marion
 - See Marion – Grace United Methodist Church
71. Marion – Grace United Methodist Church
- Location: Village of Marion
 - [Photo Available: La-Marion Grace United Methodist Church-1 \[3769\]](#)
 - [Photo Available: La-Marion Grace United Methodist Church-2 \[5707\]](#)
 - Community History: *Marion, ND – Our Community Prairie to Present, 1900-1975*, p.29. The beginning of the Evangelical United Brethren Church dates back to the first settlers in the early eighteen eighties. According to Charles Korn, one of the early pioneers of this community, the itinerant ministers visited here and held services as early as 1883. The first meetings were held in homes southwest of the present Marion, later in school houses, and finally the South Church was built (The Immanuel Church), located four miles south of Marion. Rev. Wm. Suchow came to this territory, sent by the Evangelical Association, as a missionary to preach in Jamestown, Tower City, Carrington, Cooperstown, Lisbon, LaMoure, Grand Rapids, Sanborn, Spiritwood Lake, and other rural appointments in 1883. The South Church was first known as the Dickey Appointment. Rev. Leon Kuck was the minister in 1886. Herman, Bertha, and Wm. Teichman, John and Mary Mintner, Edward Anderly, Louisa Korn, and Martin Spoerl were received as members in 1894. Fred Spoerl and Charles Korn attended the Quarterly Conference in 1895; they and J. Mintner were also members of the conference in 1897. Charles Korn hauled the lumber from Dickey for the new church, it was dedicated September 27, 1899 by Bishop Thomas Bowman. The five families who were members then were the Charles Korn, John Mintner, Fred Spoerl, Martin Spoerl, and Walter Toedter families. Other early members were the Schneider and Ebbeke families. The Marion Mission was formed in 1913 and in the autumn of 1917 services were held in the first Marion public school building by courtesy of the School Board. The Grace Church of Marion congregation was organized in the fall of 1918 with these charter members: Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Trapp, Mr. and Mrs. John Trapp, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spoerl and Lena, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conrad, and Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Oertli, Edna, Ena, and Ralph. The building committee members were E.J. Thomas, Gust Erickson, John Trapp, D.C. Trapp, and Martin Spoerl. Grace Church was dedicated May 18, 1919 by Bishop L.H. Seagar of Naperville, Illinois. The cost of the Church was \$5,762.80. This did not include the piano, chancel rug, chairs, offering plates, or pulpit Bible, which were donations. In 1928 Grace (Marion Mission) and Immanuel (South Church) merged. In 1929 the Bethel (Saratoga or Adrian) Church was moved from the

McCleary School to the Presbyterian Church at Adrian. In November 1946 our denomination (Evangelical) merged with United Brethren. The Churches in Berlin, Dickey, and Marion merged in 1967. In the 1968 Conference our Evangelical United Brethren Churches merged with The United Methodists. The Berlin Church closed in 1969. Pastors who served were: Rev. J. Fandrey (1894-1895 & 1897-1898); Rev. C. Werthenbach (1895-1897); Rev. L.M. Bingaman (1898-1901); Rev. H.A. Michaelis (1901-1902); The field was "to be supplied" (1902-1903); Rev. John Fischer (1903-1907); Rev. E.C. Oeder (1907-1909); Rev. B.H. Fischer (1909-1913); Rev. Karl Hirning (1913-1915 & 1938-1939); Marion became a separate charge: Rev. G. Lange (1915-1916); Rev. A. Oertli (1916-1922); Rev. Ira E. Herzberg (1922-1926); Rev. C.R. Frankhauser (1926-1927); Rev. H.F.C. Knuth (1927-1930); Rev. G.J. Moritz (1930-1932 & 1944-1948); Rev. Floyd Breaw (1932-1938); Rev. W.J. Wienands (1939-1941); Rev. Wiley L. Hoy (1941-1944); Rev. M.L. Kaseman (1948-1950's). Church records for 1950-1962 are not available. During and since that time the following ministers were here: Rev. M. Kaseman, Rev. Marvin Scherbenske, Rev. Charles Hurley, Rev. Jacob Heib, Rev. Richard Lutz, Rev. George Civey, Rev. Edwin Werner, Rev. Roland Voegeli, and Rev. Westly Hart, who came in 1969.

- Community History: *Marion, ND – Centennial 1900-2000 – A Legacy Remembered*, p.61-62. The beginning of the Evangelical United Brethren Church dates back to the first settlers in the early eighteenth century. According to Charles Korn, one of the early pioneers of this community, itinerant ministers visited here and held services in 1883. The first meetings were held in homes southwest of the present Marion, later in school houses, and finally the South Church was built, the Emmanuel Church, located three miles south of Marion. The South Church was first known as the Dickey Appointment, Herman, Bertha, and William Teichman, John and Mary Mintner, Edward Anderly, Louisa Korn, and Martin Spoerl were received as members in 1894. A new church was built and dedicated September 27, 1899 at the cost of \$5,762.80. Early members were Charles Korn, John Mintner, Fred Spoerl, Martin Spoerl, Walter Teodter, the Schneider and Ebbecke families. The Grace Church of Marion congregation was organized in the fall of 1918 with these charter members: Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Trapp, Mr. and Mrs. John Trapp, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spoerl and Lena, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conrad, and Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Oertli, Edna, and Ralph. In 1928 Grace (Marion Mission) and Emmanuel (South Church) merged. In 1946 our (Evangelical) merged with United Brethren. The churches in Berlin, Dickey, and Marion merged in 1967. In the 1968 conference our Evangelical United Brethren Churches merged with the United Methodists. The Berlin Church closed in 1969. The Marion/Dickey charge continued until 1992 when the Jud church was added. Pastors who served were: (1894-1895) Rev. J. Fandrey (also 1897-1898); (1895-1897) Rev. C. Werthenbach; (1898-1901) Rev. L.M. Bingaman; (1901-1902) Rev. H.A. Michaelis; (1902-1903) The field was "to be supplied"; (1903-1907) Rev. John Fischer; (1907-1909) Rev. E.C. Oeder; (1909-1913) Rev. B.J. Fischer; (1913-1915) Rev. Karl Kirning (also 1938-1939). Marion became a separate charge: (1915-1916) Rev. G. Lange; (1916-1922) Rev. A. Oertli; (1922-1926) Rev. Ira E. Herzberg; (1926-1927) Rev. C.R. Frankhauser; (1927-1930) Rev. H.F. Knuth; (1930-1932) Rev. G.H. Moritz; (1932-1938) Rev. Floyd Breaw; (1939-1944) Rev. Wiley L. Hoy; (1944-1948) Rev. G.H. Moritz; (1948-1950) Rev. M.L. Kaseman; (1950-1951) Rev. Jacob Hieb; (1951-1953) Rev. Charles Hurley; (1953-1959) Rev. Marvin Scherbenske; (1959-1962) Rev. Edwin Werner; (1962-1963) Rev. George Civey. At various times Rev. Richard Lutz served as an interim pastor. (1963-1969) Rev. Roland Voegeli; (1969-1976) Rev. Wesley Hart; (1976-1978) Rev. Donald Crippen; (1978) Rev. C. Rehfus; (1978-1980) Rev. Richard Macha; (1980-1986) Rev. Irvin Hultin; (1986-1988) Rev. Terry Beyl; (1988-1990) Rev. Peggy Zerface; (1990-1993) Rev. Glenn Sayler; (1994-1999) Rev. John Donaldson; (1999---) Rev. John Baskins. The Ladies Aid Society was organized in 1918 with 12 members. The object of the Society was to aid in the spiritual and financial progress of the church. In the 1920's proceeds from dinners, fancy work, quilt and candy sales paid for the cement sidewalk, fixing and wiring the basement, and painting the interior of the church. During the hard years of the 1930's the Ladies Aid helped pay for the parsonage. In 1939 the name was changed to Women's Missionary Society; in 1946 to Women's Society of World Service and in 1968 to United Methodist Women. There are presently 16 members that continue to support missions, host activities and events of the church, and continue a prayer chain for members and friends in need. Our largest Sunday School enrollment was in 1959 with 110 children. At that time there were six sets of twins which contributed to the large enrollment. They were: Danny and Donna Flugga, children of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Flugga; Jacqueline and James Bruschwein, children of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bruschwein; Rita and Roxanne Waldie, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Waldie; Donald and Dale Urbaniak, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Urbaniak; Lori and Lynn Duggan, daughters of M. and Mrs. Dale Duggan; Sharon and Shelly

Limesand, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Limesand. There are presently 11 Sunday School students and an adult class. Our Christmas programs are using more adult participation as our Sunday School enrollment decreases. Charles Korn, in the 1920's and 30's would send oranges from California to be passed out at the Christmas program. In those years, a fresh orange was rare. The tradition has continued since that time. In 1965 a new entrance to the church was built. In 1980 new carpeting was laid in the sanctuary. In 1983 the stained glass windows, which were designed and constructed by Julie Miller, were recognized as part of a memorial dedication service. In 1984 the church pews were refinished. In 1968 the home last owned by Richard and Ramona Waldie was purchased to be used as a parsonage. The old parsonage was sold to a family and moved to a location near Litchville. In 1993 a brick exterior letter board was constructed in front of the church. In that same year Grace United Methodist Church celebrated its eightieth anniversary with Pastor Glenn Saylor leading the morning service followed by a catered meal at the Community Hall. Following the meal a singing and sharing service was led by Pastor Norman Winkelman. In 1998 the church roof was resingled and the bell tower removed because it was found to be structurally unsound. The present enrollment at Grace United Methodist is 78 professing members.

72. Marion – Lutheran Church (ELCA)

- Location: 99 – 1st Ave
- [Photo Available: La-Marion Lutheran Church-1 \[3766\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Marion Lutheran Church-2 \[5709\]](#)
- Community History: *Marion, ND – Our Community Prairie to Present, 1900-1975*, p.31
- Community History: *Marion, ND – Centennial 1900-2000 – A Legacy Remembered*, p.58-60. On April 29, 1903, a group of Lutherans who were accustomed to the services of the church in their farm homes, met at the old school house on the southwest corner of section 2 south of Marion. The name of this congregation was the Marion Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. Those present were: Oscar Holtgaard, Anfin Qualey, Hover Olsen, Hans Lehne, L.O. Berg, Ingvar J. Brox, A.M. Rois and M. Stenslind, while Ole B. Johnson, Ole Christofferson and Magnus Adnensen had consented to join the congregation, but were not present at this first meeting. Rev. H.O. Nordby of the Norwegian Synod organized this congregation and conducted services occasionally. The first confirmation class consisted of: Karen Knudsen, Marie Knudsen, Helma Olsen, Emma Berg, Fred Brox, Alfred Hanson and Carl Hanson. On June 10, 1904, Rev. Lars Foss was called to serve this congregation. Rev. Foss suffered many hardships in the long drives between Kathryn, Marion, Montpelier, Ypsilanti and Grand Rapids to conduct services and attended Aid meetings. He drove a beautiful black team of horses that were his great pride and joy. On his last visit to Marion in 1913 Rev. Foss remarked that "This team was the best missionaries he had." The first funeral was for Mathilda Olsen, daughter of Hover Olsen, and was on March 28, 1905. She was 11 years old. The women saw the need of a Ladies Aid and the opportunity for service in the church and missions; therefore they met at the home of Mrs. John Knudsen on July 23, 1906, and organized a Ladies Aid Society. Rev. Lars Foss presided at this meeting with the following charter members: Mrs. Oscar Holtgaard, Mrs. John Knudsen, Mrs. Anfin Qualey, Mrs. George Rust, Mrs. Adolph, Mrs. Strand, Mrs. Thomas Gudmestad, Mrs. Gunder Kaas, Mrs. Ingvar J. Brox and Mrs. Hans Lehne. The first marriage recorded in the ministerial book was November 14, 1906, Effie Olsen and Knute A. Bakke. In 1913 Rev. Foss resigned as pastor of the church. In October, Rev. E.O. Holen accepted a call from Marion, Kathryn and Ringsaker congregations, making his home in Kathryn and usually came to Marion by train. He was met at the station by friends who brought him to their homes. Services were then held at the Congregational Church. Under the valiant leadership of Rev. Holen and the whole-hearted support of the members of the congregation and Ladies Aid, plans were made for building a church. The lots where the church was to be built were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Christ Baertsch. The building committee consisted of John Knudsen, Oscar Holtgaard, H.O.Mannes, Ole Johnson and Knut Nelson. Finance committee consisted of John Knudsen, Albert Bjork and George Rust. The first baptism in the new church was that of Cora Jeanette Bjork. The first funeral service in our new church was for Mr. Rinerd Bomberg. The first confirmation class in the new church consisted of Henry Holtgaard, Henry Johnson, George Knudsen, and Leonard Nelson. The first parochial school was conducted by Prof. Norgaard in 1915. A Sunday School was organized with George Rust as first Superintendent. On September 13, 1917, Rev. Holen resigned as pastor and a call was extended to Rev. S.T. Andersen. A young people's society was organized with the following officers: George Rust, Arthur Volstad, Mona Richard and H.O. Mannes. These were the trying

years of World War I. The church parlors were used as a work room for the Red Cross and the Ladies Aid worked in cooperation with them. The church was occasionally used by the German Lutherans for their services. Rev. Andersen resigned in 1920 and Rev. L.O. Lasseson was called and he served in Marion, Litchville and Bethlehem, making his home in Litchville. A beautiful altar painting was donated by the late Mrs. Bomberg. Rev. Lasseson spent much time in taking the church census and visiting the members of the congregation. The envelope system was inaugurated during this year and all services were conducted in the English language with the exception of one in the Norwegian. In July 1924, Rev. Lasseson resigned as pastor. On July 31, 1924, Rev. J.S. Sunde accepted the call and also made his home in Litchville. He held the first service August 3rd and was installed by Rev. Berger November 6, 1924. November 17, 1924, was a very happy occasion as the Ladies Aid and the congregation paid the balance of the church debt. He often walked from Litchville to Marion to meet his appointments when the roads were impassable. He served these churches until August 31, 1930. The congregation was without a regular pastor until October 1933. During this time, Rev. R.A. Ofstedall conducted services and attended Aid meetings whenever he could spare the time from his call at Valley City. On October 19, 1933, Rev. H.O. Egertson accepted the call from the Marion-Litchville congregation, with an agreement to serve LaMoure. The L.D.R. was organized in Marion in 1935. The first officers were: Ollie Opdahl, Lyla Pinke and Virginia Knudsen. On May 30, 1936, Marion joined with St. Ansgar and LaMoure in retaining Rev. Egertson as pastor, allowing him part time for evangelistic work. On July 22, 1937, a call was extended to Rev. R.P. Haakonson. Rev. Haakonson resigned as pastor from the LaMoure parish in 1941, a call was extended to Rev. S.N. Engelstad. On October 17, 1943, a consecration service was held for Miss Eleanor Schulz, missionary to Mexico. A United States Flag and a Christian Flag were presented to the Marion congregation by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schulz, Doris and Delmer and by Eleanor Schulz, respectively. Both flags were dedicated. Rev. Engelstad resigned, moved to Fargo and died shortly after at the Bethany Rest Home. At a meeting of the members of the congregation on April 27, 1947, it was decided to extend a call to a Student Pastor Harold Olson. July of 1948 Rev. Solberg was installed as pastor. During this ministry, the interior of the church was beautified by the installation of two electric candelabra and a gold altar cross as a memorial to Mrs. Gertrude Bomberg, Mrs. Lars Seglem, Mrs. Harry Gusaas, Mr. Ed. Pedersen and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hoitomt. Rev. Solberg continued serving our parish consisting of Zoar and St. Ansgar of LaMoure and Marion Lutheran. In 1951, a Hammond Organ was purchased which added beauty and dignity to our service. Shirley McInnes was elected organist. Always mission minded, Pastor Solberg and his wife brought first hand information of the work on the mission fields. Pastor Solberg resigned in the spring of 1952 and accept[ed] a call from Brandt, SD. June 1, 1952 Rev. Arnold Lund and family of Brooklyn, NY accepted our call. They resided in LaMoure, serving the same three point parish. Pastor Lund and family donated the bell for our church which has added much to our call to worship. June 21, 1953 was the 50th Anniversary of the organizing of the Marion Norwegian Lutheran Church. Memories of years came to mind at this occasion. Thankful appreciation was given to charter members as pioneers, who with faith, courage, endurance and strife for a livelihood, didn't fail to have a house of worship in their new community. The cornerstone was opened and new history and hymnbook were added to its contents and resealed. Pastor Lund resigned in 1955 to go to Fort Meade, SD. Pastor Arne Carlson, Nadine and family accepted our call on February 5, 1956. They resided in LaMoure where Nadine was a nurse at the LaMoure Community Hospital. The Preaching, Teaching, Reaching Mission was started under his supervision as was the every member visitation program known as STEP. In 1960, the Marion congregation withdrew from the three point parish. Several meetings were held with Dr. L.E. Tallackson concerning future plans for our congregation. It was decided to go alone with help from home missions. At this time Pastor Carlson resigned to go to Park River. Kenneth Seigele, his wife Margaret and son Paul accepted our call. With Pastor living in Marion, it became necessary to provide a parsonage. After much discussion whether to buy or build, the William Wieck home was purchased. The lots east of the church were also purchased from Arland Thorstad to be used for parking. In the fall of 1960 we voted to merge with the A.L.C., E.L.C., and U.E.L.C., changing the name from Marion Evangelical Lutheran Church to Marion American Lutheran Church. A Brotherhood was organized with Lloyd Piehl as chairman. Mrs. Seigele and some of the mothers organized a cherub choir with Shirley McInnes as director and Ethelyn Paulson as accompanist. The following year a youth choir was started and the women of the church sewed choir gowns. The choirs were an inspirational and enjoyable addition to our service. In 1962 the Grand Rapids Congregation asked if Pastor Seigele would serve them until they were able to get a pastor. In July of 1963, Pastor Seigele accepted a call from Milnor. In October 1963, Vern Aselsen came to serve our congregation. He had been teaching in Israel. His message of song in his high tenor was an enjoyable part

of our service. While here, he did his practice teaching in the Marion School to expedite his getting a teaching degree. In June of 1964, Rev. Dennis Larson, wife Diane and son Scott came to serve our congregation. Besides ministering to our congregation, he directed the school band for one year and served both Litchville and High Prairie while they were without a pastor. In 1966, The Marion and Trinity-Griswold congregations agreed to form a two point parish with the Pastor to live in Marion. (Rev. Larson was one of those instrumental in getting the Senior Citizens started in Marion.) In 1967 the interior of the church was remodeled, adding new chancel furniture, painting the interior and installing new carpeting. The St. John's Church building was purchased with plans to make it an addition to our church building. In 1968, Rev. Larson accepted a call to Edina, MN. Rev. Sherve, Chaplain of the State Hospital of Jamestown, served our congregation until Pastor Aarsheim and wife Ann came. He had just graduated from the Lutheran Seminary. He reached out in the community assisting and ministering to many non-members as well as members. He conducted unique afternoon and evening Lenten Services which stimulated much discussion and are still remembered. Ann, a most progressive educator, taught English and Dramatics in the Marion High School. She was an integral part of the morning worship service directing a mixed choir, instrumental groups and many innovations in choice and types of music, some of which are still used today. The Aarsheims also started the Teen Canteen for the youth of the community. The Narthex was added to the front of our church to enlarge the entrance. St. John's building was moved in and the main part was used as dining and kitchen area, rest rooms and Pastor's study. With paneling and carpeting, it is an attractive, comfortable place for meetings and service. Pastor Aarsheim resigned to go to San Francisco, CA. David and Ranae Almlie accepted our call in July of 1971. On August 8, he was ordained by his father, Rev. S.O. Almlie at Lisbon, where David grew up. On September 15, he was installed by his father as our pastor. His wife Ranae, was a very active part of our community, reaching out with love and concern for those in need. Although she nursed in Valley City part-time, she has been the inspiration for the many banners and much beautification of the church proper. Under Pastor Almlie and pastors of the other churches in Marion, a new spirit of cooperation between churches has evidenced itself in several recent educational ventures. In 1972, Marion Lutheran joined with the other Lutheran, Catholic, United Methodist and Reformed churches of Marion, Litchville, Kathryn, Hastings, Dickey and Montpelier to organize a joint "Community Religious Education" program offering a variety of classes to the churches of our area. In 1974, Marion Lutheran conducted a joint Vacation Bible School with the United Methodist Church. Since 1973 Marion Lutheran has also participated in an Annual Joint Day of Worship with the other Lutheran Churches of our neighboring towns. This event in 1974 attracted the presence of Dr. David Preuss, President of the American Lutheran Church. It was also the subject of a half-hour television special on KXJB. In 1975, a committee along with Pastor Almlie, spent hours revising and updating the constitution of our church. In June of 1975, the town celebrated its 75th Anniversary. We worked with the other churches to accommodate the enjoy fellowship with the people who came. On Sunday, a very joyous and memorable Joint Worship Service was held at the school gym. On March 20, 1977, an appreciation dinner was given in honor of Shirley McInnes for her 25 years of service as church organist. A tornado struck the Marion Community in June of 1977 with much wind, rain and hail damage to our church and parsonage. This compelled us to replace windows, refinish pews, shingle the roof, hang a new ceiling and redecorate the walls. Besides insulating and laying new carpet, we did the necessary repair work on the parsonage and built a new garage. In October 1977, David Almlie accepted a call to Clayton, WI. We placed a call to Rev. Jack Torgersen, who accepted and was installed December 18, 1977. On March 6, 1978, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Leidall observed their 65th Wedding Anniversary, the only couple known to have reached this milestone in our congregation. In 1978 we celebrated our 75th Anniversary with former pastors returning to join us. We praised God for his goodness to us as a congregation. The cornerstone was opened and enjoyed; more articles were added and again sealed in the southwest corner of the church's foundation. Rev. Torgerson received a call to the mission field in Brazil and on August 1, 1981, Rev. Douglas Mathison was installed as pastor. He and his wife, Mary, were very active in community affairs. They started the youth center in the basement of our church which was open to all youth of the community. Interim pastors after the Mathison's left were Rev. Lyle Hoxtell of Jamestown, and Rev. Paul Johnston and wife of Tower City. Serving our parish from July 1987 to June 1990 was Rev. Jeffery Engholm and his wife Laurel. He added much to our worship service with his musical talent. They continued the youth nights twice a month. At this time, Sharon, Mrs. David Holweg, took over as organist and continues to serve today. Rev. Sharon Korsmo served as interim pastor until Rev. Linda Walstrom accepted our call and served our congregation from August 1990 through August 1993. She was the first woman pastor for Marion Lutheran. She was very active in conference activities and learned to enjoy rural life. Rev. Keene

of Fargo, served as interim pastor until June of 1994 when Rev. Tom Faaland became our pastor. We continue to nourish the children of our church with dedicated Sunday School teachers. We have had counselors from Red Willow Bible Camp teach our Bible School. Their youth and enthusiasm is contagious and really enjoyed by our children. The Marion-Trinity LYO sees action through fellowship service and travel! Many coffee hours and potluck dinners have been served to the congregation as well as several dinners for the whole community. The proceeds were shared with various community projects and funded the travel experiences chosen by the youth. Over the years many youth have traveled to the music-filled Sonshine Festival in Willmar, MN, three National LYO gatherings – San Antonio and Dallas, TX and Atlanta, GA; memorable travel to Estes Park in Colorado; and backpacking to the top of Idaho's Sawtooth Mountains. Our youth have experienced great travel and learned the cooperation and personal challenges that make it all possible. Our hope and prayer is that our youth will continue their personal growth and a sharing of their faith and God's love. The women of the church, through their WELCA organization have taken an active part both spiritually and financially in supporting the mission of the church and willingly serve to provide fellowship. Extensive work was done to the interior of the parsonage in the spring of 1994 before the Faaland's came. At the present time we have 171 members. As the farms get bigger, our population decreases and so does the membership in the church. We are thankful for dedicated members who see the need to continue in the footsteps of our forefathers.

73. Marion – Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church

- Location: LaMoure County, Grandview Township, SW ¼ of SW ¼ Sec 02-T135-R61
- See Marion – Lutheran Church (ELCA)

74. Marion – Saint Francis Catholic Church

- Location: Village of Marion
- [Photo Available: La-Marion Saint Francis Catholic Church \[3764\]](#)
- Closed in 2005
- Community History: *Marion, ND – Our Community Prairie to Present, 1900-1975*, p.35-36. The same church that was painstakingly constructed by twelve families 58 years ago stands today as a tribute to the faith of those early pioneers and is still used for worship of the more than 30 families who today make up the parish. It was in 1917 that the small number of Catholic families in the Marion area decided to build their own church. For years, Sunday Mass had been celebrated in homes or halls, wherever it was convenient. With hope in the Lord and faith in the future, families of German, Irish, Polish, Luxembourg and Belgian descent began building their church. Some of those families included Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Melanson, Mr. and Mrs. N.W. Schommer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sarbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kronebusch, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leuthe, Fred Leuthe, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Leibrecht, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wagner, Mrs. Dwyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Leary and Mrs. A.W. Meyer. The building committee was headed by J.R. Hurley and Archie Leibrecht. The church was a 30x60 foot structure that was built at a cost of \$7,000. Many of the furnishings were personal gifts of various families. The first Mass was celebrated in the new church the following spring by all the families with Father William C. Schimmel officiating. Father Schimmel was the pastor of St. Ann's Church at Litchville. He would now begin also having Sunday Mass at the new Marion church –named after St. Francis of Assisi, a young Frenchman of the 13th Century who devoted his life to the poor and needy. On May 18, 1918 ladies of the parish gathered at the home of Mrs. Henry Sarbaum and organized the Altar Society. Mrs. J.R. Hurley became the first president. In July of that year the group planned its first ice cream social and lawn party. The day the social was to take place a case of infantile paralysis was discovered in Marion and the community was quarantined so all activities were cancelled. On May 19, 1919, an organ was purchased from the Greenland school and on July 23 of that year a choir was organized under the direction of Mrs. L.W. Meyers. The first wedding in the church took place on June 29, 1920 when Martha Sarbaum married James Hallinan of Pomeroy, Iowa. Bertha DeCramer and Fred Sarbaum were the attendants. St. Francis Church was dedicated by Bishop James O'Reilly on October 8, 1920 after which a class of seventeen were confirmed. Father G.J. George became resident pastor at Litchville on April 26, 1922 and he also served Marion. The first funeral to be held at St. Francis church was that of Mrs. Karl Leopold on March 12, 1923. She was the first person to be buried in the Catholic cemetery. On June 12, 1924 Father Leo Dworscak officiated at the funeral of Henry Sarbaum. Years later Father

Dworschak became bishop of the Diocese of Fargo. A three-day bazaar was held in Woodman Hall in November, 1925. Young people of the church and community presented the play, "Windmills of Holland" before a packed house each evening. Father Hubert Van Meer directed the play and H.W. Flugga's bank with Mrs. H.H. Behlmer at the piano furnished the music. Father Van Meer left the parish because of ill health in 1926 and Father Owen P. O'Neill succeeded him as pastor of St. Ann's at Litchville, serving also St. Francis parish, until 1934 when St. Ann's parish was closed. Bishop O'Reilly then joined Marion to Assumption parish at Dickey. Father Peter Bannon served as pastor there until 1936 when he was succeeded by Father J.A. Cormier. In 1940 Father Myron Schuh became pastor. On July 12, 1942 Father Frank T. Hannaher became the first resident pastor of St. Francis parish, serving also St. Hubert's parish of Montpelier. Msgr. Edward Geraghty of Jamestown, his former pastor, installed him. Msgr. Howard Smith was organist and directed the priest choir. John Sarbaum and Louis Karl were altar boys. Following the installation ceremony the Altar Society ladies served a parish dinner. During the eleven years that Father Hannaher served here, the parish became established on a firm foundation. The rectory (parsonage), which is still used today, was purchased. A choir was organized. Extensive repairs were made on both the church and house. In November 1942 mortgages of both St. Francis parish and St. Hubert's parish at Montpelier were burned. The first marriage in the parish since having a resident pastor was in 1942 when Father Hannaher's cousin, Betty Jane Bernier, and Melvin Johnson were wed. Father Felix Preske succeeded Father Hannaher as pastor in 1953. In the three years he served here the rectory was painted, a garage was added, new carpets and some furnishings were purchased. The church sanctuary was carpeted and a new altar and communion rail were constructed. A new organ was purchased and the church interior was refinished and painted. In 1956 Father Victor Schill, an excellent woodworker, became pastor. New sidewalks in front of the church were laid during his stay. Father Richard Sinner served as pastor from 1959 to 1969. Father Sinner became known at Marion, as well as throughout the area, for his generous spirit for the poor and his love of singing. His openness to other Christian churches resulted in various inter-church activities. During his last years here, there was a realignment in parishes that he was to serve. St. Hubert's church of Montpelier was closed and the Assumption parish of Dickey became part of the pastorate served out of Marion. In 1969 Father John Conway became pastor of the parishes at Marion and Dickey. Also a leader in ecumenism, Father Conway was known widely in the area by both Christian church members and non-members alike. The St. Francis church interior was completely redone during Father Conway's stay to conform to new liturgical norms and reflect the theology of Vatican Council II. Similar changes were made at the Church of the Assumption at Dickey. Father Conway was assigned as pastor of Oriska and Buffalo and as Valley City State College Catholic chaplain in June 1974. For the next four months the parishes at Marion and Dickey were served by Father Leo Colliton. The present pastor, Father Ben Bachmeier, came as administrator in October 1974 and was named pastor in December. Oldest member of the parish today is Caroline (Mrs. Nicholas) Schommer who will be 91 years old in October. Youngest members are 10-month old Lisa Hurley, daughter of Pat and Glenda, and one-year old Brenda McCarthy, daughter of Lowell and Susan. Present lay directors are Pat Hurley and Vernon Mueller.

- Community History: *Marion, ND – Centennial 1900-2000 – A Legacy Remembered*, p.56-57. The church was constructed in 1917. Some of the early families included Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Hurley, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Melanson, Mr. & Mrs. M.W. Schommer, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Sarbaum, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Kronebusch, and Mr. & Mrs. Leo Wagner. Father William Schimmel was the first official pastor. The first wedding took place in the church on June 29, 1920 when Martha Sarbaum married James Hallinan. St. Francis Church was dedicated by Bishop James O'Reilly on October 8, 1920. Father G.J. George became pastor on April 26, 1922. The first funeral to be held at St. Francis Church was that of Mrs. Karl Leopold on March 12, 1923. She was the first person to be buried in the Catholic cemetery. Father Van Meer and Father O'Neil served the parishes of St. Ann's and St. Francis until 1935 when St. Ann's parish was closed. Bishop O'Reilly then joined St. Francis in Marion to Assumption parish in Dickey. On July 12, 1942, Father T. Hannaher became the first resident pastor of St. Francis parish, serving also St. Hubert's parish at Montpelier. The parsonage was purchased during Father Hannaher's stay. Father Felix Preske succeeded Father Hannaher as pastor in 1953. In 1956 Father Victor Schill became pastor. In 1959 Father Richard Sinner became pastor and served until 1969. In 1969 Father John Conway became pastor of the churches of Marion and Dickey. The St. Francis church interior was completely redone during Father Conway's stay to conform with new liturgical norms and reflect the theology of Vatican Council II. Father Ben Bachmeier came in October of 1974. Father Bachmeier left in 1981 and at that time the decision was made to make Marion and Dickey parishes mission parishes of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in LaMoure. Father

John Wanzek, who was serving Holy Rosary, began serving the mission parishes at that time and did so until 1984. Father Leonard Bretton served the three parishes from 1984 to 1988. From 1988 to 1994, Father Neil Kapaun presided over the three parishes. In 1989, the St. Francis parsonage and its contents were sold at public auction. The parsonage was purchased by Kristen and Randy Weber, who continue to reside there. Father Kevin Willis served as pastor from 1994 to 1997; Father Joseph Allen served for a time in 1997, as did Father Anthony Stammitti. In 1998, Father Julian Kupisz became pastor for the three parishes, and continues to serve at this time. Present members of St. Francis at this time are: Beverly and Marvin Anderson, Wilma Beechie, James and Marianne Gross and Joe and Jeanie, Leon Hanson; Pat, Glenda and Vicki Hurley; Olive Hurley; Dennis, Sandy, Deanna and Brandon Knudsen; Francis McCarthy; Susan and Lowell McCarthy; Noelyn and Donna Monson; DeLoy, Pat, Dan, Katie and Kyle Sarbaum; Georgine Robinson; Randy, Kristen, Derek, Brooke and Kendra Weber; Robert and Carol Weber, Ryan Weber. George Pillaert is a member but presently resides at St. Rose Care Center in LaMoure. The oldest member of the parish is Wilma Beechie and the youngest member is Kendra Weber. Parish members that have died since 1975 are as follows: Blanch Melanson, William Kosse, Samuel Sperger, Ann Sarbaum, Dorothy Weber, H. James Trzpuć, Arther Sperger, Andrew Sperger, Jennifer Sarbaum, Alice Kronebusch, Emmett Blake, George and Katherine Blake, Henry Pillaert, Regina Lillehoff, John and Walburgae T. Trzpuć, Martha (Pillaert) Williams, George McCarthy.

75. Marion – United Methodist Church

- Location: 210 2nd St
- See Marion – Grace United Methodist Church

76. New Beresina Congregational Church

- Location: LaMoure County, Pomona View Township, SE ¼ of SW ¼ **Sec 28-T133-R65**
- [Photo Available: La-New Beresina Congregational Church \[4108\]](#)
- Closed in 1946
- Community History: *Kulm, ND – 1892-1957*, p.20-21. In 1899 a few of the Homesteaders met in the home of one Jacob Bohnet, an elderly christian, to hold services. His home was located southeast of Kulm. Two traveling Evangelical preachers came through the country, on foot in 1900, holding revival meetings. They heard of this group, so went to Mr. Bohnet and offered their services. Word was sent out to all to come and they held a service or two before going on their way. After they left, these people kept the meeting going until nearly all were saved. They held services in the Gottlieb Herrmann home for a time. In 1902 the first sod home of Friederich Herrmann was vacated for a new sod home, so they decided to use this for their church. Some of the first families to attend these services were John Herrmann Sr., his sons John Jr., Christian, Gottlieb and Friederich, the Fred Bossarts, Nicolina Stehr, Fred Hehr and Fred Schlenkers Sr. These families were all poor so each contributed what he could toward heating this sod house in the winter. Usually it was no more than a basket of chips. They had no chairs so made a few benches and brought in the wagon seats to set along the wall. As the years passed more and more people moved into the neighborhood and they joined the group. At this time Rev. Michael Trieber was serving the Congregation Church in Kulm, and he came out to help them organize. They met in the Friederich Herrmann home and elected Friederich Herrmann as Deacon and J. Bohnet as Sunday School Superintendent. After this they held their services in the school house. In 1908 they built a church four and a half miles east of Kulm. In 1914 this church was host to the North and South Dakota State Conference, which was quite an undertaking for so small a church. There were two tents used, one for services and one for a dining room. Mr. Fred Miller had bought an old school and was in the process of moving it to his farm, so they moved it into the church yard and the ladies used it for a kitchen, and after the conference he took it on home. This little church saw many weddings, baptisms, and burials. There is a cemetery there too, where most of those old pioneers have been laid to rest. These people loved to sing. Whenever they gathered together they would always have a sing fest. The young people formed a choir under the direction of Rev. Ruder. Among the older members was a fine quartet composed of Messrs. Gotthilf Miller, C.B. Mogck, Fred Herrmann Sr. and John Janke, with Mrs. G. Miller as pianist. The New Beresina Church was a member of the Parish of the Kulm Congregational Church. In 1946 the members of this church joined the Kulm Church in a body, and their building was sold to the Assembly of God Church, and is still functioning as a house of God.

77. Nortonville – Church of the Holy Ghost

- See Nortonville – Holy Spirit Catholic Church

78. Nortonville – Holy Spirit Catholic Church

- Location: Village of Nortonville
- See Jud – Saint Cajetan's Catholic Church
- Church Records as of 11 August 2007
 - Information provided by Fr. Duaine Cote P.O. Box 347 Edgeley, ND 58433
 - Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage & Death Registers kept at Transfiguration—Edgeley, ND
- [Photo Available: La-Nortonville Holy Spirit Catholic Church \[3955\]](#)
- Community History: *Nortonville, ND – Golden Jubilee 1912-1962*. The Catholic Church has been intimately connected with the history of North Dakota. The early French voyageurs were not infrequently accompanied by the missionaries. Even before the actual settlement of the state by the whites, we read accounts of the early missionaries accompanying bands of Indians during the summer hunt, living with them, instructing the children, and in the long warm evenings gathering an audience of braves from the hunt and telling them the story of man's redemption of Christ. The first pastor in actual charge of the territory, in which Nortonville is situated, was Father Hare of Aberdeen, S.D. He made trips through here with a team of oxen and a wagon, visiting different families, calling the early settlers together to central points where services could be held, exhorting {sic} them to hold to their religion and to their land. Later this area was served by Father O'Callahan, Father Baker, and Father Duffy, all of Ellendale, N.D. Beginning in 1912, Father Duffy offered Mass at various homes in Nortonville whenever possible. In 1916 Father Long was appointed resident pastor at Edgeley and Mass was said regularly at the Murphy home in Nortonville. The Catholics had started a fund with the hope of building a church. This money was kept in deposit in the Nortonville State Bank. When the bank closed, its directors gave the Altar Society the building known as the Nortonville Hall to compensate them for their loss. This building was then used by the Catholics for church services. Planks on nail kegs served as chairs. In 1939 a schoolhouse was purchased in Roscoe township near Dickey. It was moved into Nortonville and set on land purchased from the J.W. Williamson family. This schoolhouse was converted into a church. In 1950 the present church was moved from Cleveland, N.D. Men from the congregation built the foundation and cleaned the grounds. A Sacred Heart Statue was built in the church yard by members of the Altar Society assisted by Father Hylden. This statue was given by the Robert Lamp family as a memorial of their son, Philip James. A formal dedication of the church by the Bishop of the Fargo Diocese was an occasion of great joy and thanksgiving for the local Catholics. Father Hylden served as pastor from 1950-1960. Father Jaillet 1960-1961. The present pastor is Father Ulric Proeller and assistant pastor is Father Leo Kuhn. The full basement under the present church has been divided into four class rooms which are used for Catechetical purposes. The present Altar society board members are: Mrs. Clayton Schrader, pres.; Mrs. Robert Solinger, vice pres.; Mrs. Fredric Barnick, sec.; and Mrs. Lloyd Barnick, treas.

79. Nortonville – Methodist Church

- Location: Village of Nortonville
- See Edgeley – Wesley United Methodist Church
- [Photo Available: La-Nortonville Methodist Church \[3956\]](#)
- Community History: *Nortonville, ND – Golden Jubilee 1912-1962*. One of the greatest concerns of the pioneer family was to preserve their Christian heritage and to instill these truths into the hearts and minds of their children and future generations. This heritage is a challenge for us to meet the continuing and developing needs of our day. Much credit goes to the James and Edward Withnell families, who organized the first church and Sunday School in 1897 in Glenmore School No. 2, which was located one mile west of the present site of Fred Hollingsworth's home. The minister came from Dickey with a lumber wagon and picked up people on his way for Sunday School. Church services were irregular but Sunday School was held every Sunday. The first Sunday School Supt. Was James Withnell. A few years later, Mrs. James Withnell organized the first Ladies Aid and was elected first president of the society. In 1904, church and Sunday School were changed to the Holgate Schoolhouse (Kennison No. 1) about one and one-half miles

northwest of Nortonville. In the Spring of 1905, Dr. S.A. Danford, District Supt. of the Fargo District of the Methodist Episcopal Church issued a local preacher's license to Stanley C. Taylor and sent him to (Gunthorp) Jud. He made the circuit, holding services in three different schools every Sunday. His means of transportation was a two-wheeled cart and a horse, loaned to him by a friend from Merricourt. Rev. Medland, pastor from Edgeley, held irregular services during the winter of 1905-1906, then Rev. Asher became the Methodist pastor until 1907. David J. Lane, a student pastor, was sent out by the conference on May 3, 1907. He was the first resident pastor, making his headquarters at Jud. In his report to the Methodist conference in 1907, he listed 44 members of the church and a Sunday School enrollment of 200, including Kennison No. 1 and Sharlow Sunday School. Rev. William Wellington served to July 1910, with J.W. McPeck finishing the conference term. The first recorded wedding at Floyd (a postoffice station two miles west of Nortonville) was that of Rev. William Wellington and Lilly Withnell, performed by Rev. J.W. McPeck. Walden T. Mahin was pastor until Oct. 1911; followed by Floyd Eastmen who served until Oct. 1912. The next pastor to follow in succession was Rev. R.E. Green. He transferred church and Sunday School to the upstairs of the Harrington store in Nortonville. Services were held there for about two years. The Methodist Episcopal Church of Nortonville was incorporated Feb. 25, 1913 and members of the official board, whose names are affixed to the document are W.S. Buck, James Withnell and James Pile. Lot No. 1, Block 12, on the east side of Nortonville was purchased from Dakota Land Co., Jamestown, N.D., Oct. 1, 1913 and recorded Oct. 19, 1913 with the Register of Deeds, LaMoure, N.D. The building of the church started in the Spring of 1914 with Mike Jennings of Edgeley as contractor of the basement and building. Local men dug the basement and hauled rock for the foundation. Lumber for the church was purchased from the Murphy Lumber Co. of Nortonville. On account of extreme heat, the first Sunday School and public church services were held in the church while it was in the course of erection on Sunday, Aug. 2, 1914. The congregation sat on planks which were supported by nail kegs. The carpenter's bench was used as a pulpit. Pastor R.E. Green conducted the services and preached from the text, St. John 15:1, "I am the vine and my Father is the Husbandman." Dedication services were held in this church on Sunday, Oct. 4, 1914, Dr. S.A. Danford, district supt., presided over the morning and afternoon services and preached at the morning services. Rev. James Anderson of Jamestown gave the Holy Sacrament to a large number of members. In the afternoon services, one infant and five adults were baptized. The first to be baptized was Kenneth Towsley, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Towsley. Five adults baptized later in the day were: Mrs. Gladys Towsley, Myrtie Dorwin (Mrs. Ed Withnell), Sylvia Gibbins (Mrs. W. Saye), Dorothy Gibbins (Mrs. G. DeVoe), and Pearl Gleason (Mrs. W. Buck). Seven others were received into full membership. The offering at the dedication services totaled \$196.00. The church was dedicated as a Methodist Episcopal Church by Dr. S.A. Danford. The church was provided with an organ that was played by Florence Withnell (Mrs. Boom) for a number of years. The first funeral service held in the new church was that of Archibald Little in Oct. 1915. Interment was made at the Edgeley cemetery, as Nortonville had no cemetery at that time. Rev. Fred E. James held the charge for four years to Oct. 1919. During this period, the benches that had been built by local men, were replaced with the pews of the old Methodist church of Edgeley. A.W. Rotter was pastor from 1919-20, followed by Adolph Lidke to Jan. 1922; then Leo. Ratcliff took over the charge until 1925. Rev. Ratcliff organized a strong Epworth League with Ernest Bunn as president. In 1926, Nortonville and Jud combined, took the banner for having the largest delegation at camp which was held at Valley City, N.D. At this time Elmer Young organized a young people's choir which met at the Ernest Bunn home to practice. B.K. Asper was the minister then for two years until 1927. In 1927, the conference decided to add Nortonville and Jud to the Edgeley circuit because of shortage of ministers and financial difficulties. Rev. A.E. Lane was the first pastor to serve these three churches. In 1932, C.H. Meier took over the charge for five years, then Rev. Hooke for the next three years to Oct. 1940. On Oct. 4, 1939, the Nortonville Methodist church celebrated its silver anniversary. A copy of the first dedication services were read as part of the observance. When Rev. Rumer took charge in 1940, the church had gone through a period of recession; the congregation was few and finances almost depleted. Rev. Rumer decided against closing the church, knowing that if it were closed the doors never again would open for the work of God's Kingdom. Instead with prayer, faith, and ambition, he set to work with local help and installed a furnace, at a cost of about \$300. The chancel was remodeled; the church was repaired and redecorated by Rev. Rumer and his son Lynn, Electric lights were also installed. In 1940, the Ladies Aid was changed to Women's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. James Poppe was elected the first president of the newly re-organized society. The Women's Society through the years has taken the responsibility of many of the financial obligations because of the church's limited resources, besides its own responsibility to missions and community expenses. By 1950, the result

of conscientious leadership, the church grew in missionary and conference giving, and the enrollment went up. The first wedding to take place in the church was for Louis Heckesmiller and Bessie Edwards on June 25, 1942 and officiated by Rev. Rumer. Rev. F.G. Meier followed Rev. Rumer in 1950 as pastor. Mrs. Meier held a local preacher's license and she alternated with Rev. Meier every other Sunday in the pulpit between Jud and Nortonville. In 1952 A.C. Weixel organized a young people's choir and conducted the singing. In 1953 Rev. Roe took over the charge, followed by Rev. R.A. Unkenholz in Sept. 1957. He organized the first Methodist Youth Fellowship. Gordan Officer was elected the first president of Youth Fellowship. In 1961, Mrs. Ray Freadhoff, a member of the Nortonville Women's Society of Christian Service was elected recording secretary of the N.D. Conference of the Women's Society. She holds the record as the first and only one in the Edgeley circuit to have held any office in the conference. The Nortonville Methodist church held its conference March 1962, and the statistics show that the church has a membership of 89 with many constituents attending worship services. Sunday School has an enrollment of 93. The WSCS has 25 members and the Methodist Youth Fellowship has 10. Many of these faithful leaders have passed away. Some have moved to other communities. Yet some of us are here, still to reserve these ideals of Christian living. Let us ever move forward to greater paths of accomplishments in the teachings of Jesus.

80. Nortonville – Methodist Episcopal Church

- See Nortonville – Methodist Church

81. Postal Congregational Church

- Location: LaMoure County, Raney Township, SW ¼ of SW ¼ Sec 17-T135-R66
- See Kulm – First Congregational Church

82. Saint George – Presbyterian Church

- Location: Village of Saint George
- See Edgeley – First Presbyterian Church

83. Saint John Lutheran Church (Sheridan Twp)

- Location: LaMoure County, Sheridan Township, SE ¼ of SE ¼ Sec 24-T136-R61
- See LaMoure – Trinity English Lutheran Church
- See Marion – Lutheran Church (ELCA) about church building
- Closed in 1964
- Community History: *Marion, ND – Our Community Prairie to Present, 1900-1975*, p.36-37. St. John's Lutheran congregation was organized Feb. 10, 1897. Charter members were: L. Froemke, St. Kohn, G. Gerchott, W. Erdmann, H. Zielke, J. Hering, L. Weight, W. Gustman, H. Knepke, K. Blushke, H. Brosius, J. Gertz, A. Gliffe, and C. Wegner. As far as we know, all charter members have been called to their eternal home. The first officers of the congregation were: L. Froemke, president; J. Hering, H. Knepke and H. Ziekle, elders; St. Kohn, treasurer; C. Blushke, secretary. The Rev. H. Kleweno, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church at Edgeley, N.D., was present at the organizational meeting of the congregation. On Feb 23, 1897, a call was extended to Pastor Monich, who accepted and remained until Dec. 1897, when he resigned. **Resident Pastors** Pastor W. Heine was installed in St. John's Church in May, 1898, as the first resident pastor. Sunday, April 23, 1900, he tendered his resignation since he could no longer perform his pastoral duties because of ill health. In the summer of the year 1900 Candidate H.W. Weseloh, a graduate of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., was installed as the second resident pastor. It was through his efforts and work that a congregation was organized at Adrian, N.D., in 1904. Pastor F.L. Gehrs was installed in St. John's Church in March, 1907. Pastor Gehrs had served the Marion parish faithfully until Feb. 10, 1913, when he resigned to accept a call to Arlington Heights, Ill. Sunday, May 25, 1913, Pastor Fr. Wessler became the fourth resident pastor of St. John's Church. After four years of faithful service, he accepted a call to Milbank, S. Dak. The installation service for Pastor O.G. Renner was conducted Sunday, Aug. 23, 1918, by Pastor A.A. Brauer of Adrian, N.D. Pastor Renner served St. John's until January, 1922. Pastor Wm. L. Krengel was installed Sept. 17, 1922 by Pastor C. Schulz of Lisbon, N.D. Pastor Krengel attended Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., from 1909 to 1915 and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.,

from 1915 to 1918. Before coming to Marion, he had served St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Didsbury, Alberta, Canada. **Christian Education** Since it has been impossible for our congregation to establish and to maintain a parochial school, we have from the very beginning used other means available for the Christian instruction of our children: Sunday School, Saturday School, and Vacation Bible School. For many years all instruction has been imparted through the medium of the English language. The Bible, Luther's Catechism, Missions, and the History of the Reformation were subjects that have been taught. Our English Sunday School was organized in the year 1921. We fully realize that the Sunday School is a vital part of the church itself. The purpose of our Sunday School ever has been: To instruct the children in the knowledge of the Word of God; to train them to honor and to revere God in a truly devotional life; to offer an opportunity for worship; to know Jesus as Him in whom alone is salvation. **Confirmation** All children of the congregation are required to receive at least two years of Bible instruction prior to confirmation. **Bible Class** After the solemn rite of confirmation, our children are urged to continue to study their Bible. A confirmation certificate is by no means a final pass to heaven. During the past years St. John's Bible Class has been conducted after the regular hour of worship, and has been in charge of the pastor himself. **Ladies Aid** St. John's Church has had a Ladies Aid Society for about 38 years. The Aid was organized in August, 1926. The Aid was of real assistance to the congregation. It furnished carpeting, altar and pulpit coverings for the church, paid for the paint and painting of the church, furnished paint and varnish for the parsonage, and also contributed toward liquidation of the debt of the congregation. In addition, it served meals on various occasions, and annually set aside a certain sum of money for charitable purposes, such as Children's Home, Home for the Feeble-minded, and so forth. All moneys received were free-will offerings. The Aid as a unit joined the Lutheran Women's Missionary League April 20, 1945. It thus helped to support some local, district, or national projects of the church. Meetings were held monthly. About one hour of each meeting was devoted to the study of some Christian Topic. **Church** During the first months of 1897, divine services were conducted in a school house. The building was erected in the summer of 1897, and was dedicated October, 3, 1897. **Parsonage** A little country school house had served as the first parsonage. In the summer of 1898 a small parsonage was built, 16x14. An addition, 14x14, was built in 1908. The entire west part of the parsonage was remodeled in the fall of 1947. **Statistics** The membership in 1950 was: 125 baptized and 75 communicant members. For a number of years a small congregation, known as Peace congregation, had been served by the pastor of St. John's. Some of the Peace members were the families of: F. Lohmann, B. Winkelmann, Rudolf Froemke, Paul Schulz, A. Holweg and F. And G. Maisel, and others. In 1952 the church was again raised and a new basement was dug and the main part of the church was completely remodeled. The carpenter in charge of this project was Elmer Pinke with volunteer help coming from the members of the congregation. In 1954 Pastor Kregel died. After his passing, we were served by Trinity Lutheran Church of LaMoure, N.D. After about a year had passed, Pastor Elmer Hethke came to serve the congregation. He left in 1961 and we were again served by the Pastor from the LaMoure Church. During this time many meetings were held to determine the destination of St. John's. The members of St. John's became very few. So after many years of faithful service to their Lord, it was with heavy and sad hearts the decision to close St. John's came to pass, and so in November of 1964 the church doors were closed. Some of the members moved away, some joined other area churches and a few faithful Mo. Synod followers joined with Trinity Lutheran Church in LaMoure, N.D. The church building was purchased by Marion Lutheran and moved to adjoin their church to be used as a parish hall. The pews were purchased by the E.U.B. Church of Marion. All that remains is a replica of the church building, now standing where the original church once stood and the cemetery where the faithful followers of our Savior have been laid to rest. May the Lord's blessing be upon all that worshiped there.

- Community History: *Marion, ND – Centennial 1900-2000 – A Legacy Remembered*, p.69 [duplication of above article]

84. Trinity (Griswold) Lutheran Church

- Location: LaMoure County, Prairie Township, NW ¼ of NE ¼ **Sec 27-T136-R60**
- See Marion – Lutheran Church (ELCA)

85. Trinity Lutheran Church

- Location: LaMoure County, Ray Township, **Sec. 07-T134-R65**
- See Jud – Saint Paul Lutheran Church

- [Photo Available: La-Trinity Lutheran Church \[3702\]](#)
- Community History: *Edgeley, ND 1883-1962 – My Town – My People*, p.108. The Trinity Lutheran (rural) church was built on Sec. 7, Ray Twp. In 1910. For thirty-five years it served the church needs of the people of the area who came by horse drawn vehicles during the first years. The church was closed in 1945 for the reason that too few members were left to support it. The Wegenast family located a picture and submitted this report so that the history of the church and its location would be preserved.

86. Verona – Saint John Lutheran Church (ELCA)

- Location: 104 – 6th St
- Church Records as of July 2007:
 - Kept at Church Office
 - Baptism 1906-2007
 - Confirmation 1906-2007
 - Marriage 1906-2007
 - Death 1906-2007
- Community History: *Verona, ND – Centennial 1883-1983 – A History of Verona, ND*, p.51-53. It was on the 12th day of May 1905, that a group of Lutherans in and around Verona, came together for the purpose of organizing a congregation. The task which they took upon themselves was not easy, and yet they went ahead with courage in their hearts. It was through the co-operation of the venerable, and now sainted Pastor Hummel of Griswold [W of Fort Ransom, ND] that a meeting was held in which the congregation was organized. It will be interesting to read the names of the charter members of this congregation. They are: F.N. Schmidt, Henry Peterson, Wm. J. Fick, John Thies, Claus Tiedeman, Henry Birkus, Fred Jaeger, R.J. Thies, P.H. Peterson, Emil Raatz, Sr., August Utecht, and Henry Rasmussen. At this meeting, Fred W. Schmidt was elected deacon, Secretary, Henry Peterson, and cashier, August Utecht. For a time the congregation was satisfied with being served by Reverend Hummel of Griswold, but soon realized that it was in the best interest of the congregation to have a resident pastor. On April 23, 1905, the congregation extended a call to Reverend J.B. Fertsch, then living in Arndt, N. Dak. to become their first duly called pastor. Rev. Fertsch accepted the call and moved to Verona in July. His stay, however, was of but a short time, namely from July until December. Rev. Fertsch, being ill, felt that he could not give the congregation his best services, and therefore felt constrained to resign. The congregation accepted his resignation with regret. Thus they were again without a pastor. It was not until June 1906, that Rev. Hammer, then living in Elkhorn, Wisc., accepted a call to become the new pastor. During the period between Rev. Fertsch's leave and Rev. Hammer's acceptance, the congregation was served by neighboring pastors: Rev. Hummel and Finke. Rev. Hammer arrived in Verona in June, and was the congregation's pastor until March, 1909. Rev. Hammer's task was not light, for it was with difficulty that he gathered the congregation together again for many had seemingly left because of the long wait made necessary due to scarcity of pastors. It was due to Rev. Hammer that the German pulpit bible was presented to the congregation by his former congregation in Elkhorn, Wisc. Rev. Hammer was succeeded by Rev. Albert Hereforth, who arrives on April 1, 1910. He remained here until the spring of 1914. Up to this time, church services were being conducted in a schoolhouse which stood near the N.S. Nelson farm, now owned by Albert Wiemann. Later on, it was moved onto the church property. It was during the time that Rev. Hereforth was pastor, that our first church was built, with the exception of the annex which was built in 1925. The history of the congregation from 1905-14 was one of gradual, although slow growth. The congregation also noticed that some of the younger people were being lost to the same, due they felt, to the lack of services in the American Language. Rev. Hereforth, feeling that he could not preach in the English language, resigned, accepting a call to Harrisville, Wisc. Rev. Hereforth's successor was Rev. Haag, who was pastor of the congregation until 1920. With his coming, services were conducted regularly in the English language. This soon showed the wisdom of the congregation's actions in calling a pastor who could speak both languages. It was during Rev. Haag's pastorate that the dreaded "flu" epidemic raged over the entire county. Our church was used for a hospital. Many were the services Rev. Haag rendered during these trying and sad days. After Reverend Haag's departure, Reverend Siefkes became the pastor of the congregation. His work as pastor was of the most blessed kind, the congregation having a phenomenal growth both in number as well as spiritually. It was Reverend Siefkes, who through his efforts and co-

operation of the congregation that brought about the building of the annex to our church. Reverend Siefkes, however, was to remain here only long enough to dedicate the addition. He received a call to Cedar Falls, Iowa. He felt it God's wish that he should go and therefore, kindly asked the congregation to release him, which they did with regret. T.K. Herbener, became his successor on June 15, 1925. He served many years and was then called to Olanomowac, Wisc. Reverend Raugust then came. He was later called into the army as a chaplain. After his discharge from the army Reverend Raugust returned but left again, making the army chaplaincy his permanent work. During Reverend Raugust's absence Reverend Boetsher from Grisvold supplied the pulpit. Reverend Walth supplied later. During the summer of 1946 Reverend John Keller, of Medina, North Dakota supplied the congregation. On January 25, 1948 the congregation extended a call to Student Clair Geibert of Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. Student Geibert accepted the call, and was ordained at his home church in Coatsburg, Illinois on June 6, 1948. Reverend Beibert was installed here in the church on August 1, 1948 by President George Landgrebe. In December of 1953 Pastor Geibert received a call to Fairbury, Nebraska, which he accepted. It was during his time here, that the parsonage was built in 1949. On April 4, 1954 the congregation extended a call to Student Marvin J. Gall of Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. Student Gall accepted the call and was ordained in his home congregation at Goodrich, North Dakota on June 20, 1954. Pastor Gall was installed in St. John's Lutheran Church, Verona, No. Dakota on June 27, 1954 by Pastor Ervin Schemmel of Litchville. It was during his pastorate, in 1955 that St. John's celebrated their 50th anniversary. For this occasion, the congregation purchased a new electric organ. Pastor Karl Reimer, called from Neche, North Dakota came to St. John's in 1957. His pastorate saw a revived interest in music in the congregation. Pastor Reimer's successor, Pastor Eugene Baisden, became pastor at St. John's in November 1958 and continued through February, 1963. During this time, the groundwork was laid for the building program, and the first active planning began with a building fund drive. During Pastor Marvin Williamson's period of ministry at St. John's from July 1963 until September 1965, the parsonage garage was built. Pastor C.L. Carlson assumed the parish duties in July, 1966. In 1967, the congregation received from Mr. and Mrs. John Muralt, the gift of a brick building which was developed into a Youth Center. The new church was dedicated July 27, 1969. Through the support of individuals, the Lord's Acre and the ALCW Fall suppers it was possible to make full payment on the mortgage by the fall of 1977. Pastor Harold Hoekstra became pastor in 1970 following the joining of Good Shepherd and St. John's as a two-point parish. Pastor Hoekstra left the parish in September of 1975 and Pastor Duane A. Lokken was installed by Bishop Nelson Preus in November 19, 1975. Pastor Lokken resigned in December of 1979 and in May of 1980 Pastor Harold Melby accepted a call and served St. John's and Good Shepherd until his retirement in October of 1982. St. John's and Good Shepherd have been served from October of 1982 to the present by Pastor Ed Rasmussen. It is our belief that those few people in 1905 did not once realize that the good work they had begun would continue to grow to its now present membership of over three hundred.

87. Verona – Saint Raphael's Catholic Church

- Location: Village of Verona
- Church Records kept at Lisbon, ND
- [Photo Available: La-Verona Saint Raphael's Catholic Church-1 \[3813\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Verona Saint Raphael's Catholic Church-2 \[3813\]](#)
- Community History: *Verona, ND – Centennial 1883-1983 – A History of Verona, ND*, p.53-54. Father Patrick B. Fogarty writes that Father W.J. O'Keefe was the originator of the Verona Catholic Church. Under him, trustees Stephen McNally and Bernard Kelly "went around" and collected \$500.00, three hundred being already on hand for that purpose. The principal donors, besides the two trustees, were Farrell Bros.; W. Freeman, brothers John, Joseph and Hugh McCann; Thomas Gaughan, John and Patrick Morrison; Roland Magill, Ed McCann; James Keefe, Mrs. K. Freeman, T.J. Dwyer, John McGrath, Miss Nephie Gaughan, Patrick McGrath, Miss Teresa McCann, Miss Bertha Higgins, James Farrell, Miss Rose McCann, John Brennan, and John Fleckenstein. The building was begun in the fall of 1897 and was completed in May, 1899. It was completed at a cost of \$1500.00, its size by outside measurements was 26 x 40. Verona records its first Baptism June, 1898. A church tower to the building was added in 1905 at a cost of \$500.00 and a cross section, called the wings was added in 1907. The wings were as large as the original nave. Times were hard and there was little money in the parish. The parishioners who had settled in the moraine slopes were very poor, but, they were of the right kind—they had the faith and had it strong. Veona Baptismal records, kept at Lisbon, show that on August 5, 1883, Wm. Sheridan, born of John

Sheridan and Mary O'Leary Sheridan, was baptized. Honora Catherine Wynn is the only one from the Verona area who preceded him in Baptism, having received grace a month before. The first Catholic Families were the Sullivans, Farrels, McCanns, McNally's—all of Irish and German extraction. In the summer of 1882, Father Flannigan from Jamestown was asked to say Mass at "Murphys Camp" located near the McNally homestead, now the residence of Paul and Verna Feltis. Bernard Kelly drove the priest from Lisbon to Murphys Camp, two miles west of Verona. He said Mass under a canvas tent. Present were Bernard Kelly, Mr. Murphy and whatever Catholics worked for him. Kelly drove the priest back to Lisbon—thus under the guiding hand of 'bishop Martin Marty, O.S.B. Catholicism had begun. Father Tierney was the first missionary in 1883, followed by Frs. Kahill, Barret, O'Keefe, Smith, Godfrey, McPhee and McDonald. Father Patrick Fogarty was named assistant to Father J.B. McDonald in 1902. On June 13, 1885, Father Tierney witnessed the marriage of Adam L. Pearl and Mary Dwyer and on Nov. 30, 1886 John Magill and Elizabeth McKeown. First death, 1887, was Grandma Morrison, who had come from Canada. He was saying mass in private homes at this time and in 1888 began saying Mass in the schoolhouse that stood one-half mile north of town on the east side of the road. Father Joseph Beirne began to take care of Verona in 1915. By the next March, Father Hart took over. Verona had no resident pastor until 1917 when Father Cullen came with LaMoure as a mission at this time. They had been served by priests from Lisbon until now. Father Corcoran served from 1922-25; Father O'Donaghue—1925-28 (he later became a Monsignor). Father Thomas Cahill came in 1928 and remained for twelve years; Father L. Hebert—1940-49; times improved from then on and many improvements were made. They were followed by Father Richard; Father Cleo Jaillet, who was assisted by Father John Bacevicious; Father Bellerose; and Father Priske, Father Sherman—1964-65; Father Edward A. Frueh—July-Oct. 1965 (he was the last resident priest of St. Raphael's). Father Ferry—Jan.-Sept. 1966; Father Schwartzenberger, who was assistant at Oakes, Jan. 1966-68; Father Viet was appointed pastor of Verona and LaMoure 1968-74. Father Wanzek served from 1975-80 at which time Father Binder from Oakes was appointed and Verona became a mission of Oakes, N.D. A new parish hall was built in 1955 or 1956. The present church building was built in 1962. The corner stone for the new church was blessed privately and laid May 15, 1962. Contents of the stone were short history of parish; outside pages of the Fargo Forum, of the day, a picture of old church and its dimensions, two 1962 coins—a penny and quarter. First Sunday mass offered August 19, 1962. Main part of the building measures 72'8" x 36'8", plus front entrance Sacristy, and furnace room 24 x 10. Nave seats approximately 200, plus the mothers room and choir. Total cost--\$50,600.00. The dedication of the new church was on September 12, 1962. It is to be noted that Catholicism just preceded the advent of the railroad cars in Verona and construction of the church was accomplished seven years before the town began to flourish solidly. The Faith that formed a community and brought the priest to Murphy's Camp has continued to the present. The people then came directly from Ireland, from Canada and from wandering widely in the U.S. The Magills came directly from Ireland; The Gaughans migrated to Nova Scotia, grandfather Gaughan coming up from the next place, Ames, Iowa, to the Verona area. Hugh McCann, father of Mrs. Edgar Maillious, likewise homesteaded north of Verona, but came there from Seaport, Ontario. The McCanns, south of town, came directly from Ireland, the Farrels came up from Beaver Dam, Wis. Whatever the route, it was a predominantly Irish settlement as far as the Catholic church was concerned in Verona, North Dakota. Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Cemetery – The Catholic Cemetery is located south of Verona on NW ½-14-133-59, which consists of approximately five acres. The land was purchased in the early 1900's from Catie Pease. The first burial was that of Joe Godbry. The cemetery is cared for by all the parishioners of St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Present members of the cemetery board are James McCann and Jack Ragan. Dedication of St. Raphael's. At 10:00 o'clock Wednesday, September 12, Bishop Dworschak of the Diocese of Fargo will bless and dedicate the new Catholic church at Verona. Bishop Dworschak will do the blessing and dedicating assisted by Father Albert Binder as master of ceremonies. A solemn high mass will follow. Father Gerard O'Donaghue will be the celebrant, taking the place of Monsignor O'Donaghue his brother, and former pastor of Verona. Fr. John Riedmann of Edgeley will be master of ceremonies. It is hoped that the deacon and subdeacon will be Fr. Antonio Richard and Fr. John Bacevicious. Ground for the new church was broken on May 1st of this year and the building was completed—all but a few details—so that services were held in it for the first time on Sunday, August 19th. National Buildings Company of Fargo supplied the architectural services and were the general contractors for the project. The church seats about 200 and features a crying room for mothers with unhappy small children. Being of brick and block structure with roof of wooden decking and rafters, the building is classified as semi-fireproof. The total cost so far is approximately \$51,000. New pews, altar, communion railing, tabernacle, and other furnishings are provided. Plans at present call for

putting in stained glass windows as well as electrical chimes after a large part of present indebtedness is retired. Many people not very familiar with the condition of the old church have asked why a new one was built at all. Tho the outside of the old one looked imposing and in rather good condition, it urgently needed a great deal of expensive work done on it. The west section was built in 1898 and had no more of the foundation than the sills being placed on small field stones piled less than eighteen inches deep. The transept part of the church was built in 1907, and while the foundation was a considerable improvement over the older part, still the sills were lower than the outside ground level in many places. From this condition naturally resulted the rotting out of sills all around the building. Many of the windows were bad as well as parts of the lower walls. For those who were in the choir loft in a hefty wind, they can recall a bit of seasickness with the groaning and creaking of the building as well as its movement. After it was learned that it would cost almost half the price of a new structure to put the old one in good condition, an extensive committee decided about three years ago that a new church should be planned rather than spend money on the old building. Some seem to think the new church is smaller than the old one. Though it may look this way, it is not so. There is about 15% more total floor area in the new one, while its seating space including the crying room, is almost identical. It is, of course, considerably lower than the old building...by some fifteen feet, not counting the tower. Space does not permit a general invitation to everyone in the area to attend the ceremony of dedication. The parish wishes to invite anyone interested in seeing the building to stop in at his leisure to visit it. The pastor of St. Raphael's, Father Preske, (if you are able to find him around) would be glad to take you through it and answer any questions you might have. But you do not need a special guide to be able to stop in to see it. You are only asked to be respectful inside it, as one should be in church. As a parish we know others miss the 65 year old landmark that could be seen for miles from any direction they might approach Verona. We missed that too at first. But we do not look back with happy memories on the windy days in the winter when it was not possible to be comfortably warm inside it. Nor will the women who cleaned it soon forget how useless the process of cleaning seemed to be with a smoky furnace and dirt always blowing in from the outside. We hope, however, that others will find the new church an attractive addition to the community and to the area, and we pray through it we may better be able to render dignified and pleasing service to God

88. Willow Grove (Methodist) Church

- Location: LaMoure County, Wane Township, NE ¼ Sec 05-T134-R63
- See Edgeley – Wesley United Methodist Church
- [Photo Available: La-Willow Grove Church-1 \[3703\]](#)
- [Photo Available: La-Willow Grove Church-2 \[3703\]](#)
- Community History: *Edgeley, ND 1883-1962 – My Town – My People*, p.134-135. In the summer of 1907 Sunday School was organized in Russell Township School #1 with S.A. Hird as Superintendent and Mrs. McLeod as Bible Class teacher. The Sunday School moved to different school houses until it was held in the west school in Wane Township. Rev. C.E. Cottam, American Sunday School Union Missionary, organized the school with Rev. J.S. Miller of Edgeley as pastor. In 1916 and 1917, it moved to Russell School #4, at which time Rev. H.W. Hynes and A. Lincoln Shute supplied the work from Edgeley. At the 1917 conference, Willow Grove was attached to Dickey with Rev. F.W. Cannon in charge. During 1918, the pastor, with the leading people had a Board of Trustees Incorporated and a charter was secured from the State Department on May 28, with the following names on the charter: Chas. E. Brown, George W. Lee, Carl J. Houge, Gust H. Buske, Henry T. Olson. Plans were drawn up and a church building was erected on the NE ¼ of 5-134-63 (Wane Township) and was dedicated that fall. Some twelve or more members constituted the charter members. Special revival meetings added to the membership. On April 1, 1934, fire destroyed the church building. The piano and other furniture was saved. That same month plans were made to rebuild and work was begun at once to dig a full basement. L.V. Hazelton of Edgeley built the new church, which was dedicated, debt free, on August 26, 1934. Since its rebuilding, the following pastors have served the church: J.W. Frisbie, F.W. Gress, Pat Durbin, Rev. Barrett, Donald Bowers, Lewis Dickinson, David Bengston, Harry Williams, Elmo Tahran, Richard Wohler, Richard Arnold, and Rev. Ralph E. Roe. At the present time the trustees are Martin Fevold, Max Hird, Willie Bartle. Clarence Jensen and the stewards are Mrs. Mary Treganza, Mrs. Willie Bartle, Mrs. Martin Fevold, Mrs. Bessie Olson, Mrs. Clarence Jensen. Sunday School is held every Sunday at 10:00 A.M. with Clarence Jensen superintending the three classes. Preaching services are held the second and fourth Sundays of each month with Rev. Ralph Roe as present pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Roe live in Dickey where he is pastor.

89. Zion Lutheran Church (Dean Twp)

- Location: west of LaMoure
- Church Records as of 06 September 2007
 - Information provided by Susan Christian 505 N. Main LaMoure, ND 58458
 - Baptism Register 1905-present
 - Confirmation Register 1905-present
 - Marriage Register 1905-present
 - Death Register 1905-present
- Disbanded in 1954
- See LaMoure – Trinity English Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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